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## OUTLINE HISTORY OF THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

By LEIGH HUNT *From The Wisconsin Architect*

From the Colonial period of American history down through the first half of the Nineteenth Century, much of the architecture of our country was the creation of capable designers who had received their training in London or had availed themselves of the publications of those times which were devoted to the builder's art.

During this early period the older architects had a hard struggle to win public recognition, and were often compelled to turn to other pursuits to enable them to maintain a bare existence.

In 1804, William Bridges, a man of note, advertised that he was an engineer, architect, and land surveyor. This advertisement also contained the statement that Mrs. Bridges had for sale a general assortment of millinery and ladies' morning dresses and children's coats and pelisses. In these primitive days there existed in the public mind a confusion as to the distinction between an architect, as a professional man, and the carpenter or builder, a confusion that the passing of a century had failed completely to eradicate.

The idea of a national professional society was conceived in 1836 with the formation of the American Institution of Architects on the sixth day of December, at which meeting eleven architects were gathered at the Astor House in New York City. This organization, from the best accounts available, showed for its objectives education and a recognition of the architect as a professional man. Up until this date the architects, with the exception of a handful of men which included such names as Latrobe, Strickland, Haviland, Harrison, Davis and Walter, who were trained and educated in London, were craftsmen and might be classed today as builders.

The American Institution of Architects was active for about ten years, and at the end of fifteen, ceased to exist.

Between the years of 1852 and 1857 there is no record of the existence of an architectural society in America.

The American Institute of Architects was founded in

1857, and on April 13, it was incorporated. These articles of incorporation stated that the object of the society was to elevate the architects' profession as such and to perfect its members practically and professionally. The business of the society was to be conducted in the city of New York, and nine trustees were named—Richard Upjohn, Sr., Thomas V. Walter, Frederick A. Peterson, John W. Rich, Richard M. Hunt, Frederick Diaper, Alexander J. Davis, Joseph C. Wells and Henry Dudley.

The articles of incorporation were signed by Richard Upjohn, F. A. Peterson, John A. Rich, Alexander J. Davis and Richard M. Hunt. On May 5, 1857 in the University Building in Washington Square, the first annual meeting of The Institute was held, and on February 22, 1858, the second annual meeting was held at Delmonico's. Twenty-eight New York architects were present.

From the history of The Institute of that time it was apparent that the members were not living up to their obligations. During the Civil War it was decided to give up the offices of the corporation and move the library to the office of Richard Upjohn, and store the records. All work was suspended until the end of the Civil War in 1865.

From 1865 to 1889 the progress of The Institute was slow, and although its tangible accomplishments did not come up to the aspirations of its founders, its influence was far-reaching.

Steadily good fellowship grew and higher ideals became the aspirations of the members of The Institute.

The Institute encouraged the investigation of construction and materials and expressions on design and ethics by publishing the results of such study. The first sketch books and journals were published in this country through the encouragement derived from this work. Up to the year 1867 there were no chapters, but in this year a chapter was established in New York. In 1869 chapters were given to Phila-

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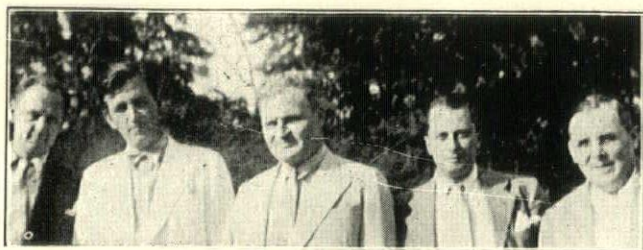
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## OHIO ARCHITECTS CONVENTION COMMITTEE



Pictured above is the Toledo committee in charge of arrangements for the convention of the Architects Society of Ohio to be held in Toledo, October 2, 3 and 4. From left to right are William Fernald, John N. Richards, Horace W. Wachter, Norman J. Levey, and Willis A. Vogel. The picture was taken at a recent meeting of the committee held on the farm of George B. Mayer, president of the State Society on the occasion of the annual picnic of Cleveland Architects.

Particularly active at the meeting was this group from Toledo, who succeeded in convincing everyone that without a doubt the convention will be something for future conventions to shoot at.

A special feature this year will be the added attention which the Convention Committee will give the activities of the ladies. Mrs. John N. Richards has charge of the Ladies Hospitality and Activities Committee for the convention, and she will do her best to make the ladies feel that they are being given a definite place and part of the program (which will be theirs at times) and in other sessions where they will make trips and be with their architect husbands or sweethearts.

Michigan architects are especially invited to attend this convention in connection with which there is to be an architectural exhibition. Emil Lorch, president, Detroit Chapter, A.I.A., and C. William Palmer, president of the M.S.A., will serve on the jury.

My Pal: Tal--

M. S. A.

More social associations.

Looking over the Bulletin (relating to the Mid-Summer Meeting, Grand Hotel, Mackinac Island—August 8-9-10, 1941) from back page to front, we find good advertisements, architects' reports (Few)—Fired at Random—I'd say "hit or miss," a miss is better than a mile, anytime. English cottage—Kohler—steel square—"Information Public"—a swell new member—Baermann with Cranbrook—Highlights and photos.—Well our president takes well in pajamas (forget the tie and shoes), then the "ladies that brought their husbands" and guess who—one guess for me—I know—Mackinac lowlights and general good news. But on page 1 it says (quote) "An office secretary and her assistant would complete the personnel." The die is cast—long live the M. S. A. and many more get-togethers. "Grand." ..... And as Lincoln says, "If the end brings me out wrong, ten angles swearing that I was right would make no difference."

And Tal, from our president, officers, directors and the rest, you are helping to make this a swell world to work and live in.

Respectfully,

Frank H. Wright.

## CORRECTION

In the Cinder Block advertisement of last week concerning the Peace Lutheran Church—it should have read "Cinder Block was used for all back-up and interior partitions and the large arches were constructed of Bull-Nose Block, decorated with paint."

**DUES in the M.S.A.—only \$5 per year to March 1, 1942. Every registered architect should be an active member.**

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## NEW A. I. A. MEMBERS

L. Robert Blakeslee and Carl B. Marr have been elected associate members of the Detroit Chapter, The American Institute of Architects, it was announced by Emil Lorch, Chapter president.

Blakeslee, as assistant professor in the Department of Architecture, University of Detroit, was graduated from the University of Michigan, College of Architecture in 1928, and became registered as an architect in Michigan by examination

the same year. He is a member of the Engineering Society of Detroit, Michigan Engineering Society, Society for the Promotion of Engineering Education, The American Association of University Professors and the Michigan Society of Architects. He is secretary of the Detroit Division, M.S.A.

Mr. Marr, son of Richard Marr, Detroit architect, was graduated from the University of Michigan in 1935 and became registered in 1937. His early experience was received in the offices of

Harley & Ellington, Marcus R. Burrows and S. S. Kresge Company. He has traveled and studied in France and England. Mr. Marr is now connected with the office of Alden B. Dow, architect in Midland, Michigan. He is a member of the Michigan Society of Architects.



Blakeslee



Marr

## BENDER OFFERS FURNITURE SERVICE

T. K. Bender of Grand Rapids has announced the establishment of a service for the purpose of representing furniture manufacturers and serving architects and their clients. He will be affiliated with Mrs. Rea Danforth at 159 Fulton Street, East, Grand Rapids, Michigan.

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## MICHIGAN DESIGNERS PLACED IN SOAP SCULPTURE COMPETITION

Report of the jury of the 17th Annual Competition for Small Sculptures in Ivory Soap sponsored by the Procter & Gamble Company and conducted by National Soap Sculpture Committee shows several Michigan designers as winners of prizes and mentions.

Edward Anthony of 12800 Kelly Road, Detroit, won first prize of \$200 in the Advanced Amateur Class for his "Flight from Foreign." Margaret Yuill of Wyandotte received honorable mention paying \$25 in the same class for her "Figure." Austin McAvoy of Edwin Denby High School, Detroit, took honorable mention for "Tackle—Football." Fred Smith, 14480 Troester, Detroit, honorable mention for "Central Park Family." Glen Fishbeck, R. F. D. No. 1, Plymouth, won honorable mention in the Junior Class for "The Colt."

On the Sponsorship Committee were Jay Boorsma, Director, Art School of the Society of Arts & Crafts, Detroit, and Frederick Marshall, Instructor in Sculpture, Cranbrook Academy of Art, Bloomfield Hills.



**HUNT**—(Continued from Page 1)

delphia and Chicago; in Boston, Cincinnati and Baltimore in 1870; in Rhode Island in 1875; in San Francisco in 1881; and to Washington, D. C., Michigan and Central New York in 1887.

The Institute used its best efforts to induce the Federal Government to employ the best available architectural talent in designing public buildings in the year 1874, but without success, although it left a path that was the foundation for future efforts of the members of The Institute in the years to follow.

The first publication of annual proceedings was started in 1867. During this period the active government of The Institute was in the hands of fifteen trustees.

In the year 1884 the Western Society of Architects was formed and rapidly grew in influence and members. It was not long before The American Institute of Architects and the Western Society of Architects became aware that there should be but one national organization, and it was at the Convention held in Cincinnati in 1889 that the two organizations were merged under the name of the older organization. The constitution was changed and the Board was enlarged to twenty-four, with an Executive Committee of five, with a President and Secretary *ex officio* members of this committee. The chapter organization of the older society was retained and grade of associate was abolished. The members of the Western Society became members of The American Institute of Architects in a body and all were admitted as Fellows, and all the associates of The American Institute of Architects were also advanced to Fellowship.

At this convention, Richard M. Hunt of The American Institute of Architects was elected President, and John W. Root of the Western Society of Architects was elected Secretary. Under the revised constitution a President was allowed to serve two consecutive years. This merger increased the membership of The American Institute of Architects from 338 members to 476. The good fellowship of the architects throughout the country was increased, and the fine work of The Institute was continued on a much larger scale.

Following this convention, chapters were organized in Buffalo, St. Louis, Kansas City and Cleveland in 1890; in Pittsburgh in 1891; in Worcester, Minnesota and Colorado in 1892; and in Southern California and Washington State in 1894. Since 1894 there have been fifty chapters given charters, bringing the total number to seventy-one.

The Institute continued its efforts to improve the character of public building, with the result that the Tarnsey Bill was introduced into Congress on April 11, 1892 and passed April 14, 1893, but its operation was left with the Secretary of the Treasury who refused to put it into effect. The Institute, through its officers and various committees, made strenuous efforts to overcome the serious objection and prejudice against the law, and it was Daniel H. Burnham, while President of The Institute, who actively managed the recognition of this law by the Secretary of the Treasury.

At the convention held in Washington, D. C. in 1898, the constitution of The Institute was materially modified, so that the government of The Institute was in the hands of delegates from the various chapters in proportion to the members of The Institute belonging to the chapters.

The Board of Directors was reduced from twenty-four to nine. The grade of Associate members was reestablished and new members were required to enter through this grade.

The Octagon was leased and opened in 1898 and the offices moved from New York to Washington, D. C., and through the efforts of Charles F. McKim in 1902 The Octagon house became the property of The Institute. At the Fiftieth Anniversary of The Institute in 1907, Cass Gilbert announced that sufficient subscriptions had been received to pay the debt on The Octagon, and that it belonged to The American Institute of Architects.

In the year 1909 the Standard Contract Documents of The Institute were published and proved to be of immeasurable value in the improvement of the standards of professional practice, and have added a tidy sum each year to the funds of The Institute. Without this added revenue the dues of the Institute members would have had to be increased or the work curtailed.

In the year 1924 the United States was divided into nine regional districts, each with a Regional Director, which, together with The President, First Vice-President, Second Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer, formed The Board of Directors of The Institute.

In 1936 a tenth regional district was formed by the States of Illinois and Wisconsin. In this same year the office of Second Vice-President was abolished. At the San Antonio Convention in 1931 the first discussion was brought before the members on the subject of unification, as there were many state societies in existence, and some type of affiliation was suggested.

At the 1932 Convention in Washington, D. C., the By-Laws of The Institute were again amended to permit state societies to join The Institute as State Association Members with delegates elected by them to attend Conventions. In the following year, 1933, the California Society of Architects and the Michigan Society of Architects joined The Institute.

In 1938 the Ohio and Wisconsin societies joined The Institute. In 1938 Kentucky was admitted as a state association member.

**S H & G PICNIC**

*See pictures on facing page*

At the suggestion of Mr. Grylls, another Smith, Hinchman & Grylls picnic took place this year. Approximately 250 of the employees and their friends attended. Woodland Ranch, near Brighton, provided an excellent spot for having fun of all kinds—swimming—rowing—horse shoe pitching—and golf tournaments in the morning, and the usual races and contests for all comers in the afternoon, topped, of course, by the classic ball game—Architects vs. Engineers. No one seemed to know the score, but we're certain the Architects won. Prizes for all events were furnished by the firm, in addition to favors, and large quantities of ice cream, gingerale, pop corn, etc., which didn't seem to spoil anyone's appetite for the very excellent dinner and supper. Dancing and bridge in the evening ended a day which everyone would like to see repeated next year.

**FIRE AT RANDOM**

**Roger Allen in Grand Rapids Press**

The Fired at Random Own Your Own Home Institute has issued a useful bulletin that will be mailed free to any person sending \$6 for it to cover handling, wrapping and my last month's gas bill. The bulletin follows:

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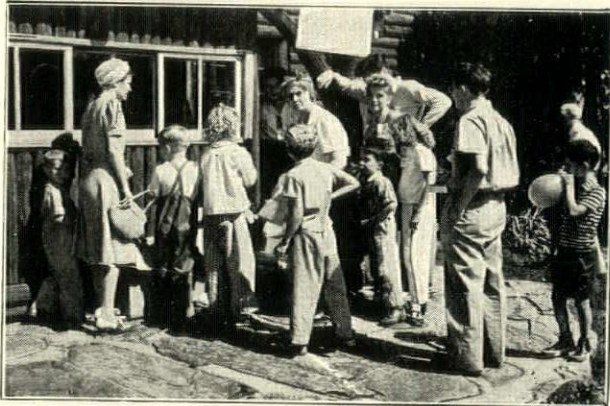
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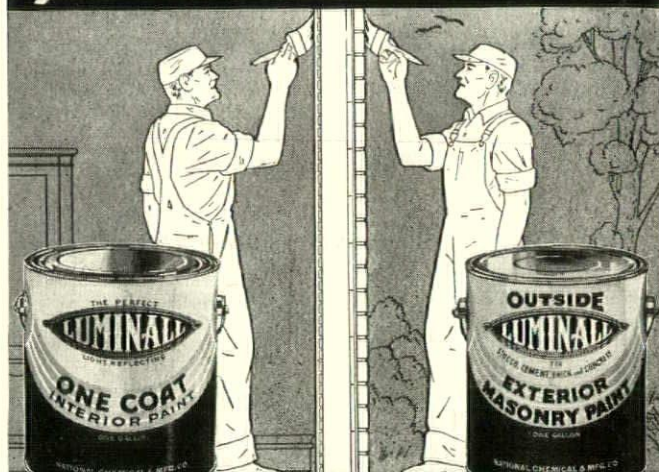
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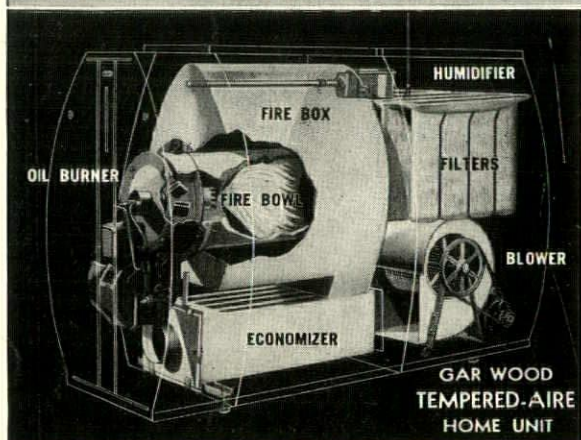
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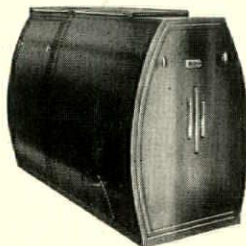
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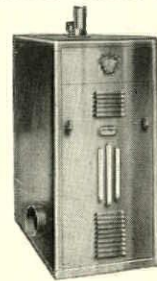
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### A CHALLENGE TO THE PROFESSION

*Bulletin, Central Illinois Chapter, A. I. A.*

There are today some twelve hundred registered architects in the State of Illinois. They are either buried in their professional practice and endeavoring to make an honest living or retired. The architects of Illinois must become unified for their own preservation. They must finance and maintain a full time personnel, including an attorney, to guard and defend their business interests.

The architects can, and do guard and defend the interests of their clients, but they cannot do it for themselves, and at the same time maintain a successful practice. Their problems are too complex and require specialists in various fields to fight their battles.

The successful enterprises and organizations have a specialized personnel to guard their every interest, from the largest industrial organization to the smallest business, the labor organizations, the medical and legal professions, etc.

The architects' problems are many and varied. These following subjects need continuous attention:

1. The education of the public to the value of architectural services.
2. Legislation favorable to the profession and the public.
3. Legislation detrimental to the profession and the public.
4. Violation of the architectural act; reporting violators, gathering evidence and prosecution of violators.
5. Unification of all architectural organizations.
6. Cooperation with all allied organizations within the Building industry.
7. Education of the architect to his responsibility to the public.
8. Education of the architectural student to the practice of architecture.
9. The encroachment of government agencies into the architectural field.
10. The encroachment of contractors, lumber dealers, plain mills, finance companies, real estate dealers, etc.
11. Zoning ordinances, building codes, civic responsibilities, to say nothing of getting business, maintaining a competent personnel, with specialists in the fields of design, study, consultation, structural, mechanical, electrical, specifications and supervision.

Yes, it is a challenge to the profession, every organization of the profession and every member of the profession. We must take the initiative, recognize and solve these problems.

### AN APPRECIATION

The Michigan Society of Architects held its second mid-summer meeting at the Grand Hotel, Mackinac Island, August 8th to 10th of this year. The previous year it was the Board of Directors meeting with the Upper Peninsula architects.

This venture was instigated for the sole purpose of having the architects of the state become better acquainted with each other and enjoy themselves on an outing.

It is reported by those attending that everyone had a very pleasant time, and we do know that constructive work was done in the one general meeting held Saturday morning.

We wish to thank the Directors for their good attendance and earnest consideration to the business that came before them.

We also fully appreciate the attendance of the wives, families and friends of the architects and that faithful element of the building industry—The Producers' Council Club of Michigan.

A special word of thanks should be given to several men of our organization who, by their earnest work, made this "little convention" a success.

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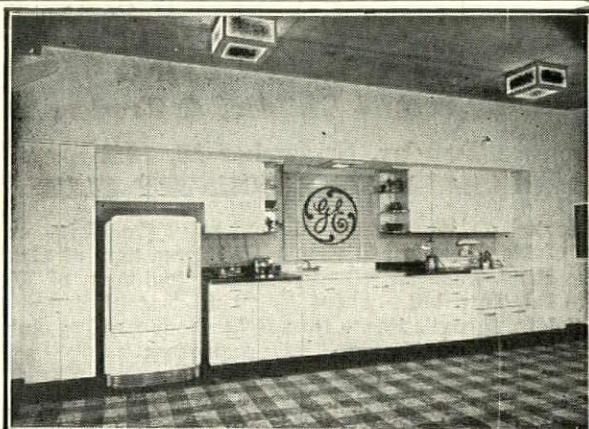
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ADOPTED AT THE 19th ANNUAL CONVENTION, FEBRUARY 23rd, 1933, AMENDED MARCH 24, 1938, JANUARY 26, 1939 AND MARCH 20, 1941

## ARTICLE I Organization

Section 1. The name of this Michigan non-profit corporation shall be Michigan Society of Architects, hereinafter called the Society.

Section 2. The purposes of this Society shall be to devote itself exclusively to the promotion of the art and science of architecture amongst its members or elsewhere, and to further educate its membership and others in the knowledge of the art and science of architecture, and also to encourage art, and particularly in so far as it may relate to the art and science of architecture.

Section 3. The domain of the Society shall be the state of Michigan, and it shall function in local areas through non-profit membership organizations, known as divisions, the purposes of which shall be identical with those of the Society.

Section 4. A division shall not have any title or interest in any property of the Society or be liable for any debt of the Society, and the Society shall not have any title or interest in the property of any division, and the Society shall not be liable for any debt of any division.

## ARTICLE II Membership

Section 1. Membership shall be divided into two classes; namely, active, and honorary.

Section 2. Every architect registered in the state of Michigan who has paid to the Society the annual subscription for the current year shall be an active member for that year; and, for the purpose of affiliation with or membership of the Society in The American Institute of Architects, active members are designated as "voting" members.

Section 3. Members of all classes shall have the privilege of attending and addressing all meetings, and voting thereat, except that only active members may:

- (a) vote on matters pertaining to the funds of the Society,
- (b) be elected to hold office,
- (c) be appointed to the chairmanship of any standing or special committee.
- (d) become voting or non-voting delegates of the Society to meetings of the American Institute of Architects.
- (e) become participants in national affairs as between the Society and the Institute, or voters on such issues, or on the election of delegates to Institute meetings,
- (f) vote on election of officers and directors of the Society.

Section 4. The board may elect honorary members, such membership to be for life, requiring no dues. Honorary members who are registered as architects in Michigan shall have all privileges of active members.

## ARTICLE III Meetings

Section 1. The board of directors shall call at least one Society meeting a year, which shall be the annual meeting.

Section 2. The annual meeting, for the election of officers, the transaction of business, the hearing of reports of committees and officers and the presentation of subjects of interest to the profession shall be held during the month of March of each year, at a time and place designated at least three months in advance by the board. Official notice of the date and place of the annual meeting, and an outline program of same shall be given to the membership by the Secretary at least thirty (30) days prior to such meeting.

Section 3. Special meetings must be called by the president upon a majority vote of a quorum of the board of directors or upon receipt of a written request signed by at least 20 active members. In emergencies the president may call special meetings without such vote or request.

Section 4. The number of members or proxies thereof required to constitute a quorum at any meeting of the Society shall be set by a majority vote of the board at a board meeting held prior to such meeting of the Society. The

notice of any meeting shall state the number of members or proxies which shall constitute a quorum.

Section 5. The board shall hold monthly meetings for the purpose of transacting the current business of the Society.

Section 6. Special meetings of the board must be called by the president upon a majority vote of the board or may be called by the president, without such vote, when emergency requires.

Notices of all special meetings must be mailed by the secretary to all officers and members of the board of directors at least five days prior to the meeting. Such notices must set forth the purpose of the meeting and no such meeting may abrogate any action taken at a previous regular or special meeting unless the proposed abrogation is specifically mentioned as an item of business in the notice of the special meeting.

Section 7. The board shall hold an annual meeting immediately prior to the opening of the annual meeting of the Society for the purpose of drawing up any special resolutions which the board may wish to present for the approval of the membership, and to make final arrangements for the program of the annual meeting. At this time the board shall appoint tellers on election of officers, and to the chairman of which the secretary shall turn over all ballots, sealed, received by him, as hereinafter provided.

Section 8. The members of the Society are required to abide by and adhere to "Standards of Professional Conduct" which may be adopted by the Society at any regular meeting, or at any special meeting called for that purpose. Such Standards may be amended or modified in like manner as they may be adopted.

Section 9. Five members shall constitute a quorum of the board at all meetings held for the transaction of the business of the Society.

Section 10. The parliamentary usage governing the conduct of all meetings shall be as set forth in "Robert's Rule of Order, Revised," when not inconsistent with these by-laws.

## ARTICLE IV

### Subscriptions, Assessments, Dues and Fees

Section 1. There shall be no entrance fee on joining the Society.

Section 2. The board shall set the amount of the annual subscription to be paid to the Society by all architects registered in the state of Michigan.

Section 3. Except for the annual subscription, the board may not levy any special assessments upon any class or membership in excess of \$10 per member per annum.

Section 4. All moneys of whatever nature, except funds payable to the fund set up for the operation and business of publications of the Society, shall be received by, handled by and accounted for by the treasurer of the Society; and all funds pertaining to the operation and business of said publications shall be received by, handled by and accounted for by the executive secretary of the Society, both as hereinafter provided.

## ARTICLE V

### Officers and Directors

Section 1. All officers and directors of the Society shall be elected by secret ballot as hereinafter provided. The officers shall consist of a president; first, second and third vice-presidents; a secretary, executive secretary and a treasurer, who shall be ex-officio directors of the Society, and, together with the directors, shall constitute the board of directors. The executive secretary, if not a member of the Society, shall not be a director.

Section 2. Each sanctioned divisions shall elect from its membership a director to the board of the Society as provided in Division Uniform By-laws. The retiring president shall automatically become a director, to serve until succeeded by the following president. In addition three directors at large shall be elected together with the officers at each



annual meeting of the Society, as hereinafter provided. All officers and directors shall hold office until their successors shall have been elected and shall have qualified.

Section 3. The executive secretary shall be elected as provided for the election of other officers of the Society but need not be an architect.

Section 4. In the event that any of the officers or directors elected shall have failed to qualify, the officers or directors, as the case may be, previously elected to the office in question, shall continue in that office, unless they have ceased to be active members.

Section 5. Should any vacancy occur in the office of the president or any of the vice-presidents, the officer next in rank shall advance to the next higher rank to fill the vacancy or vacancies thus created and the board shall elect a third vice-president from among the active members of the Society.

Section 6. Should a vacancy occur in the office of any of the other officers or directors, the board shall elect an active member to fill such office.

Section 7. Should any officer or director cease to be a member his office shall hereby become vacant and shall be filled as herein provided.

Section 8. The Society shall have the power to declare vacant the offices of any or all of the officers and directors by a vote of three-fourths of the number of active members present at a special meeting of the Society called for the purpose of considering such action, voting thereon and filling any vacancy so created. At such a meeting the procedure herein outlined for the filling of vacancies shall be superseded by an emergency election by secret ballot, requiring the vote of three-fourths of the number of members present to elect any candidate to fill any vacancy.

Section 9. Should any officer totally neglect the duties of his office to such an extent that, in the opinion of a majority of the board his neglect is detrimental to the business of the Society, or should any officer or director conduct himself in a manner inimicable to the purpose and policies of the Society, or should any officer or director show, by continued absence from meetings of the Society and of the board without reasonable excuse or reason, or without having been granted leave after having made written request for same to the board, the board may, at its own discretion, declare such officer's or director's office vacant, upon which the said officer or director shall be notified of such action, and the vacancy filled at the next meeting of the board as provided in Section 6.

#### ARTICLE VI *Duties of Officers*

Section 1. It shall be the duty of the president to preside at the meetings of the Society and of the board, to appoint all committees and to perform such other duties as may be assigned to him by the board. He shall, together with the secretary, sign all contracts and legal documents for and in the name of the Society, but only when so authorized by the board. He shall be a member ex-officio of all committees. He shall be the spokesman for the Society in matters of public import unless he shall have delegated such duty to another officer or director of the Society. He shall foster the progress and welfare of the various divisions and endeavor to attend a meeting of each at least once during each term of his office. His traveling and living expenses for such visits, as approved by the board, shall be paid by the Society.

Section 2. Vice-President — In the absence of the president, the first vice-president; or, in the absence of both, the second vice-president; or, in the absence of the president and both the first and second vice-presidents, the third vice-president shall exercise all of the duties and powers of the president; and in the absence of the president and all vice-presidents, the board shall elect from among its remaining members a presiding officer pro-tempore.

Section 3. The secretary shall take charge and be responsible for all of the clerical work pertaining to the business of the Society except that pertaining to publications. He shall

- (a) together with the president, and when so authorized by the board, sign all contracts and legal documents for and in the name of the Society;

- (b) keep a record of all meetings of the Society and of the board;
- (c) make and maintain a complete record of all members;
- (d) issue notices of all authorized meetings of the Society to all members;
- (e) issue notices of all authorized meetings of the board to all officers and directors;
- (f) have direct supervision over the work of the executive secretary;
- (g) present a written report of the affairs of his office, together with that of the office of the executive secretary, at each regular meeting of the board;
- (h) issue to each member at least ten (10) days prior to the annual meeting, notice of the time and place of the same, together with pertinent information concerning the same, including the text of any suggested amendments to the by-laws;
- (i) cause to be exhibited any and all data, records, correspondence, documents, membership roll and any other information in his care or possession, whenever so required by the president or the board.

His salary or compensation shall be fixed by the board and he shall be reimbursed for the expenses incidental to the work of his office in amounts approved by the board.

Section 4. Executive Secretary — It shall be the duty of the executive secretary to do all of the clerical work in connection with the preparation, purchase and sale of printed matter and publications, and such other work as the Society or board may require. He shall be ex-officio a member of the entertainment committee and as such shall work under the direction and on the advice of the board, to whom he shall report regularly. His salary or compensation shall be fixed by the board and he shall be reimbursed for the expenses incurred incidental to the work of his office in amounts approved by the board. He shall receive and care for funds pertaining to the operation and business of publications, but shall disburse same only with the authority and approval of the board.

Section 5. Treasurer — It shall be the duty of the treasurer to make and forward all invoices, receive all moneys (except for publications) and to deposit the same in the name of the Society, in a bank approved by the board. He shall:

- (a) keep regular and systematic books of accounts;
- (b) exhibit these books and any and all papers and vouchers when so required by the president or the board;
- (c) submit a written statement of receipts and disbursements to the board at each regular meeting and to the Society at its annual meeting;
- (d) pay such bills as are presented to him upon the authority of the board only;
- (e) sign all checks for the Society, but in his absence or incapacity they shall be signed by the president or the secretary.

His salary or compensation shall be fixed by the board and he shall be reimbursed for the expenses incidental to the work of his office in an amount approved by the board.

#### ARTICLE VII *Duties of Directors*

Section 1. It shall be the duty of each of the directors to carry out the object and purposes of the Society, and to that end the board of directors shall exercise all of the powers of the Society, subject to its by-laws and to such action as the Society may take at its regular or special meetings.

Section 2. The board shall have general charge of the affairs, funds and property of the Society and shall have made a yearly audit of its books, reporting such audit to the Society at the annual meeting.

Section 3. The board shall have the power to employ attorneys, publicists and investigators to render them assistance in their work or in that of the State Board of Registration for Architects, Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors.

Section 4. It shall be the duty of the board to consider cases of dishonest practice, violation of the "Standards of



Professional Conduct," deceit, fraud or misrepresentation in the obtaining of a State Certificate of Registration, malfeasance or gross incompetency on the part of any architect registered in the State of Michigan, or cases of violation of the State law providing for the registration of architects, and to report its findings, with recommendations, to the State Board of Registration. Any member of the Society found guilty of any matter hereinbefore enumerated, after a hearing thereon, may be expelled from membership in the Society.

Section 5. The board shall have the power to fill any vacancy occurring in its membership as herein provided.

Section 6. The board shall govern the expenditure of all funds of whatever nature. No officer, director, committee or committee member may incur any financial obligation for the Society without first having obtained the approval of the board, and its authority to act for the Society.

Section 7. All discussions of the board and the individual actions of its members relative to any business of the board shall be held strictly confidential.

#### ARTICLE VIII Elections

Section 1. Officers and directors shall be elected by secret ballot as hereinafter provided.

Section 2. The officers and directors shall be elected at each annual meeting, as hereinafter provided, and shall hold office until their successors have been elected and shall have qualified.

Section 3. The election shall be determined by a plurality of the votes cast for each of the respective candidates.

Section 4. Nominations — At a board meeting preceding the annual meeting the members present shall elect a nominating committee of three active members, and the president shall appoint a separate nominating committee of three active members. Acting independently of each other, these two committees shall prepare separate lists of nominees for each of the offices of the elective officers and three directors. The members' committee shall recognize and place in nomination any candidate who is an active member, for any office, upon a petition signed by five members, provided such petition is delivered to the chairman of the members' committee at least fifteen days prior to the date of the annual meeting. Both nominating committees shall report to the secretary at least ten days prior to the date of the annual meeting.

Section 5. The secretary shall mail to each active member, at least seven days prior to the date of the annual meeting, a printed ballot containing the nominations for the various offices, arranged in alphabetical order and as they mention in Article V of these by-laws. He shall enclose a plain envelope for sealing ballot and a printed reply envelope addressed to the secretary and marked on the outside, "Secret ballot of" and bearing the member's name. Members shall vote by marking the ballot, sealing in plain envelope, inserting the latter in addressed return envelope and sending to the secretary so that he will receive it on the day preceding the annual meeting.

Section 6. Tellers shall be appointed by the board at its meeting just prior to the annual meeting of the Society. The secretary shall turn over to them all of the letter ballots received by him, with seals unbroken, together with a complete roll of the members. The tellers shall check the names on the envelopes against the roll, voiding the ballots of any not on the list, after which the seals shall be broken and the votes counted. The tellers shall report the results in writing to the officer presiding at the business session of the annual meeting.

#### ARTICLE IX Committees

Section 1. The president shall appoint all committees authorized by the Society or the board.

Section 2. Special committees may be authorized by the Society or the board at any regular or special meeting.

Section 3. All committees shall act under the direction of the board and shall incur no obligations for the Society without having first obtained the approval of the board as to the maximum limit of such obligations.

#### ARTICLE X Amendments

Section 1. Amendments to these by-laws may be proposed at any meeting of the Society or of the board by motion of any active member, duly supported by a second active member. If approved by a majority of the active members present, the secretary shall then publish the full text of the proposed amendments at least ten days prior to the meeting at which they are to be voted upon.

Section 2. Amendments so proposed shall require for their ratification the vote of two thirds of the members present at the regular or special meeting of the Society announced for this purpose.

Section 3. Amendments shall go into effect immediately upon their ratification.

#### ARTICLE XI Publications

Section 1. The board may, at its discretion, adopt means to prepare, finance, publish and distribute circulars of information, legal forms for the use of the profession, periodicals and books containing data of information of value to architects.

Section 2. For the financing of a periodical, the board shall direct that a portion of the amount of the annual subscription paid to the Society by active members be set aside for such purpose.

Section 3. The name of the book containing data of information of value to architects shall be "Official Handbook of the Michigan Society Architects."

Section 4. Publications shall be under the direction of the executive secretary, and a committee or committees appointed by the president for that purpose.

Section 5. The board may contract for the Society with an individual or firm (not necessarily an architect) to discharge the business matters pertaining to such publications, at whatever arrangement for compensation it may determine as reasonable, just and expedient.

Section 6. The board, through its appointed committees, shall have the power and it shall be its duty to control the text matter, advertising matter and all matters of finance in connection with the Handbook and any other publication authorized by these by-laws.

Section 7. Separate accounts shall be kept for each individual publication. The board shall have access to such accounts at its pleasure. An annual audit of the books of each publication may be required by the board, the cost being charged against the account of such publication.

Section 8. The board may contract for the Society with an individual or firm (not necessarily an architect) for the sale or publication rights of building information held by its members and may, through its appointed committee or committees, arrange for the manner of publication and distribution of such information.

Section 9. The member, firm, individual, or committee in charge of any such circulars, forms, periodicals or handbook, shall submit to the board a complete statement of financial conditions at the board's request, and must submit such a report, properly audited, at the annual meeting.

Section 10. For the purpose of making a complete financial report at the annual meeting, the fiscal year of the business of any of the aforesaid publications shall correspond to the fiscal year of the Society, beginning and closing on the first day of March of each year.

#### ARTICLE XII Divisions

Section 1. The board may sanction and authorize the formation of local organizations composed of members of this Society whose geographical proximity produces a natural bond among them.

Section 2. Each division shall adopt and be governed by uniform division by-laws as set forth in Article XIII.

Section 3. The allocation of territory to each division shall be as determined by the board.



## ARTICLE XIII

## Division Uniform By-Laws

By-laws of divisions shall be as follows:

1. THE NAME of the organization shall be .....  
DIVISION, MICHIGAN SOCIETY  
OF ARCHITECTS.
2. THE PURPOSES shall be to further the interest of and membership in the Michigan Society of Architects and to provide a means for the architects residing, practicing or employed in the ..... area to avail themselves of the benefits offered by the Society under its by-laws, and to further the profession's usefulness to the public, in accordance with the purposes of the Society.
3. MEMBERSHIP shall be composed of active members of the Michigan Society of Architects residing, practicing or employed in the area who have paid to the Division the annual dues for the current year.
4. (a) ANNUAL DUES SHALL BE ..... payable annually in advance. Any member failing to pay dues within sixty days after a bill is rendered shall be automatically dropped from membership until such dues are paid.  
(b) ADMISSION FEES or initiation fees will not be required of new members.  
(c) ASSESSMENTS, if approved by the Board, may be levied at any regular meeting by a two-thirds vote of those present.
5. OFFICERS shall be ..... (as determined by the division) ..... and a director who shall also serve on the Board of the Michigan Society of Architects. These shall constitute the board of directors and shall hold office for one year. Vacancies to be filled at the discretion of the president for the remainder of the year.
6. ELECTION OF OFFICERS shall be by secret ballot at the annual meeting. One nominating committee shall be named by the president to prepare the slate for officers. The nominating committee shall propose as many names for each office as it so desires. Other nominations may be made from the floor at the annual meeting. There shall be no voting by proxies.
7. (a) MEETINGS of the board shall be held monthly. Meetings of the division shall be held the ..... of each month, unless otherwise called by the president.  
(b) ANNUAL MEETING shall be held approximately one month prior to the annual meeting of the Society. At such meeting the reports of all officers and committees shall be presented, and the election of officers shall take place as provided herein.
8. A QUORUM of the board shall be ..... At a meeting of the division, one-fifth of the membership shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.
9. CONDUCT OF MEETINGS shall be as set forth in "Robert's Rules of Order, Revised," when not inconsistent with these by-laws.
10. (a) ALL MONEYS received by the division from dues or other sources shall be deposited to the account of the division as maintained by the treasurer.  
(b) OBLIGATIONS or indebtedness incurred by the division, its officers or committees up to an amount equal to the collections for the annual period, must be approved by the board. An amount in excess of the annual collections must be approved by a two-thirds vote of the members present at any regular meeting.  
(c) GIFTS, BEQUESTS OR DEVISES shall not be solicited, or accepted by any person, committee, representative or agent of this division other than the board, unless specifically authorized by the board.
11. (a) COMMITTEES of the division shall be STANDING COMMITTEES, established in these by-laws, and SPECIAL COMMITTEES, established by either the board or the division.  
(b) SPECIAL COMMITTEES shall exist for the duration of their assigned duties. The president shall appoint such committees as are authorized.  
(c) STANDING COMMITTEES shall have membership and duties as hereinafter prescribed. The term of

office shall expire at the adjournment of the annual meeting of the division, but any thereon may be re-appointed. The president, with the approval of the board, shall appoint membership of all standing committees.

1. Committee on Membership shall consist of three and its duty shall be to secure members.
2. Committee on Architectural Practice shall consist of three members and its duties shall be to consider matters of practice affecting the profession.
3. Committee on Program shall consist of three members and its duties shall be to plan and arrange for programs at all functions of the division.
4. Committee on Relations with the Construction Industry shall consist of three members, and its duties shall be to foster a cooperative relationship with contractors, producers, and dealers in building materials and equipment.
5. Committee on Public Relations shall consist of three members, and its duties shall be to publicize activities of the division and the profession, to prepare material for the press, and to develop methods of promulgating such publicity.
6. Committee on Education shall consist of three members, and its duties shall be to promote higher aesthetic, scientific and practical qualifications of those engaged, or about to engage, in the profession.
7. Committee on Allied Arts shall consist of three members, and its duties shall be to foster and promote a closer relationship between architects and the arts of design allied to architecture.
8. Committee on Registration and Legislation shall consist of three members, and its duties shall be to cooperate with the State Board for Registration of Architects toward maintaining a high standard, and to forward state-wide and local legislation that will promote the welfare of the profession and of the public.
12. AMENDMENTS TO BY-LAWS may be made at any meeting of the division by a two-thirds vote of those present, provided the proposed amendments shall have been stated by written notice to the members at least one week prior to such meeting.

## STANDARDS OF PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT FOR MEMBERS OF THE MICHIGAN SOCIETY OF ARCHITECTS

Adopted at the 27th Annual Convention, March 20, 1941

### SECTION I ARCHITECTS

The successful practice of the profession of architecture demands scrupulous integrity and requires imagination, sound judgment, a long training in the art of design and the science of construction and ability to apply them practically and economically.

Professional Architectural Practice is any service personal or otherwise, of advisory character or counsel which requires architectural knowledge, experience and skill, for which a charge may be made. No architect shall have a prejudicial interest in the sale of labor or the materials of building, or in the erection of any structure for which he has given architectural advice or counsel. Advice and counsel constitute the services of the Profession and are given in verbal, written, or graphic form. They are normally rendered in order that buildings with their equipment and the areas about them, in addition to being well suited to their purposes, are well planned for health, safety, efficient operation and economical maintenance and are soundly constructed of materials and by methods most appropriate and economical for their particular uses.

Every Architect shall maintain the dignity and solidarity of his Profession. It is incumbent on him to maintain a wholly professional attitude towards those he serves, towards those who assist him, those who give form to his conceptions, to fellow architects, and members of other professions and practitioners of other arts.

Architects should seek opportunities to be of constructive service in civic affairs and to the best of their abilities advance the safety, health, and well-being of the community in which they reside, by promoting there-



in the appreciation of good design, the value of good construction, and the proper placement of structures and the adequate development and adornment of the areas about them.

When a project is of such character as to require that the advice of the Architect be recorded in graphic form or documents, professional architectural service is interpreted as including the preparation of drawings and specifications, either or both. Particularly should his drawings, specifications, and other documents be complete, definite and clear concerning his intentions, the scope of the contractor's work, the materials and methods of construction to be used therefor, and the conditions under which the construction work is to be paid for and completed.

The architect's drawings and specifications for a project are his instruments of service and as such are and remain his property at all times. As a part of his Normal Architectural Services he should furnish one copy of each drawings and specification to his client. All other copies for bidders, construction purposes, permits, records, or other purposes are loaned and the cost of making and delivering such copies should be paid by the client as a construction expense.

Complete architectural service is interpreted as including the necessary conferences, the preparation of preliminary studies, working drawings and specifications, the drafting of proposal forms, the taking of bids, the drafting of the contract and the supervision of the construction, also the preparation of large scale and full size details and such bulletins as are necessary to explain and amplify the contract documents, the keeping of records of inspections and issuing certificates of payment and the keeping of records of all transactions and correspondence relating to the work.

The Architect's supervision is held to refer to the enforcement of the terms of the contract documents and is distinguished from the continuous inspection on the part of a Clerk-of-the-Works employed by the Owner.

As advisor to the Owner, the Architect cannot guarantee estimates of the cost or the satisfactory performance of the work, but can only endeavor to obtain compliance with the contract documents. The Architect is the Owner's Agent with respect only to work covered by the contract documents.

## SECTION II

### A MEMBER OF THE ARCHITECTURAL PROFESSION MAY NOT:

- Offer his service on any basis other than that of competence and experience.
- Supplant or attempt to supplant another Architect after definite steps have been taken by a client toward employing the other Architect, without first consulting such other Architect.
- Engage in the business of construction during his practice as an Architect, or otherwise have any prejudicial interest of any character whatsoever in the work for which he is engaged.
- Invest in any enterprise or form any relations or personal interest that may tend to discredit his freedom to act impartially and independently for those who depend on his judgment and acts.
- Accept or take compensation, fees, or other valuable considerations in connection with his practice from others than his clients.
- Give prejudiced advice, make unjust decisions or unwarranted interpretation of documents prepared by him. While it is recognized that the Architect is the owner's agent, he shall at all times be fair and just in his dealings with Contractors.
- Maliciously injure the professional reputation, prospects or practice of a fellow architect.
- Commit any act inimical to the best interest of the profession.
- Contract to furnish supervisory service to enforce the documents prepared by another Architect without prior consultation with such other Architect.

## FIRE AT RANDOM

Daily Column in The Grand Rapids Press  
By Roger Allen, A. I. A.

One of our literary contributors announces that he is working on a sequel to "The Grapes of Wrath," to be entitled "Mad Raisins."

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The second lieutenant was marching his company along the back roads during maneuvers. After passing a cross road he remarked to the sergeant, "I wish Emily Post was here. I think we just took the wrong fork."

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## DEPARTMENT OF UNDERSTATEMENT

A London taxi driver, quoted by the Newspaper PM, discusses the bombings of London: "Nothing happened to me through it all, but me aunt Maud 'ad a bit of bad time. 'Ad 'er 'ed blown off."

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Do you remember, when a boy, you sat in the smoker with dad and wished you wore a hat so the conductor would put one of those red tickets in the band? Also the stories told? Recently I strolled into one of these modernistic smoking rooms and in the midst of several men sat a modern young woman. Magazine, cigaret, red fingernails et al. I was tempted to say to one of the men in a voice that all could hear, "Did you ever hear the story about the T. S. and the F. D.?" What do you bet she wouldn't have lowered her magazine and leaned forward?

H. B. H.

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## USED CAR SLANGUAGE

If you must discuss used cars, then use the proper language, warns the Underwriters Review, which then lists the following correct terms:

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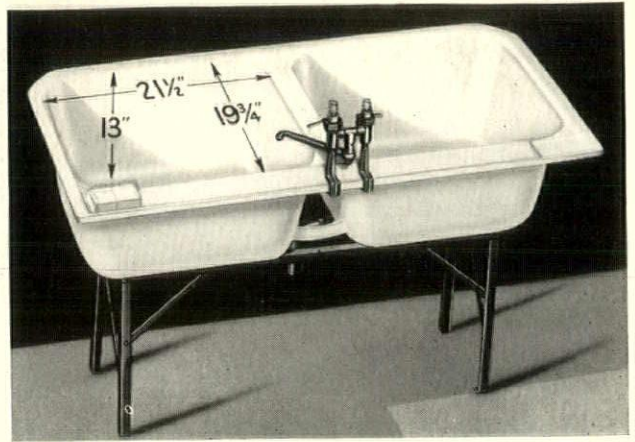


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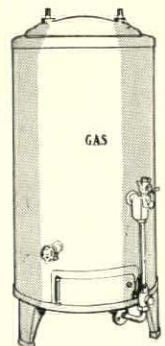


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## SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON PRIORITIES CITY OF DETROIT

The full committee, composed of Messrs. Kuhlman, Brunner, Hughes, McLees, Nelson and Shields, left Detroit Sunday evening, August 24, and were joined on the train by Mr. Paul Foley, and at Toledo by Mr. A. L. Kelsey, of Kelsey, Freeman Lumber Company.

On arrival in Washington at 8:20 o'clock Monday morning, they proceeded to the office of Mr. J. C. Cramer, Director of Priorities, Defense Housing Division at 1601 Eye St., N. W.

Mr. Cramer explained that he had been working with Defense Housing Coordinator, Palmer, toward a priorities system for defense housing that would function all the way back to the source of materials. He said that it was hard to allocate materials until it was known how much material was available to allocate.

He touched upon the lending agencies as a means of determining needed repairs, adding that plans were in a state of flux, but that his department would make recommendations to O. P. M., who would issue numbers. In the interim his department is issuing numbers under a temporary plan, he said.

Mr. Shields, speaking for the committee, reviewed its formation and presented its plan and explanation. In regard to a letter from the Romulus Foundry Company to Mr. Shields, Mr. Cramer said form PD-1 could be used.

Mr. Cramer stated that the Detroit Plan was quite similar to one his department had been working on, which provided for what he called "Perpetual Inventories." This he said, was necessary because if distributors did not have stocks priority numbers would be useless.

He mentioned that they had estimated the number of housing units needed in various defense areas and had reduced this to terms of steel and other scarce materials, requesting O.P.M. to allot such materials. However, they may reduce the amounts, he said.

Mr. McLees reported that there were 5600 customers of his organization, and 1300 master plumbers in Detroit, to which Mr. Cramer replied that he agreed each industry should do its own policing.

Mr. Shields raised the question of violations notices from his department and Mr. Cramer said that a "Certificate of Necessity," signed by the owner would be sufficient.

To Mr. Brunner's question about schools, churches, etc., Mr. Cramer stated that they would undoubtedly be considered necessary to a defense area, citing HR-4545, the so-called "Utilities Bill," appropriating \$150,000,000 for this purpose, to be administered under F.W.A., Mr. Carmody's department. This would be for water systems, sewers, etc. In fact, Mr. Cramer said he believed that any improvements that could show necessity in connection with a defense area would qualify, but no "monuments."

He stressed the importance of finding substitutes and suggested, instead of wood gutters, no gutters at all. For windows he favored wood casements, to eliminate weights and other metal. All agreed that F.H.A. had been helpful in this respect.

Regarding electric wiring Mr. Cramer said a good many outlets could be eliminated and added later. The men who make bombers and tanks can't live in bombers or tanks, they must have houses, he said, but not so complete as heretofore. These must come through distributors, therefore, distributors must be given some latitude.

Mr. Cramer recognized the fact that a \$6,000 house in Michigan might be built for considerably less in some sections of the country, stating that this was being taken into account in working out a plan.

To Mr. Kuhlman's question regarding his members, Mr.

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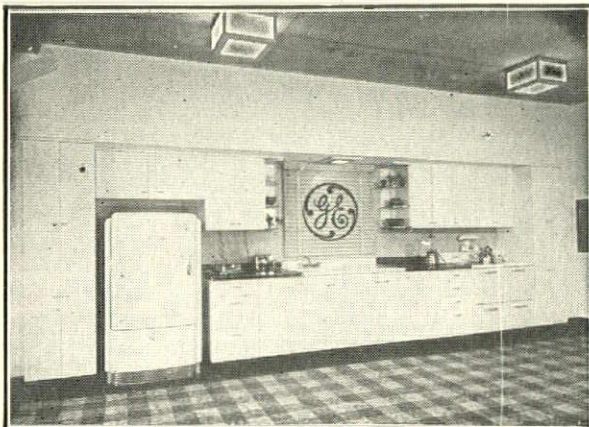
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## STATE ARCHITECTS TO MEET IN GRAND RAPIDS

The board of directors of the Michigan Society of Architects will meet at the Pantlind Hotel in Grand Rapids on September 23, it was announced Saturday by C. William Palmer, Society president.



Palmer

The board consists of Palmer, Aloys Frank Herman, Cornelius L. T. Gabler, John C. Thornton, Talmage C. Hughes, Clair W. Ditchy, Branson V. Gamber, Alvin E. Harley, and Earl W. Pellerin, all of Detroit; Emil Lorch and Lynn W. Fry of Ann Arbor; Roger Allen and John P. Baker of Grand Rapids; David E. Anderson of Marquette; Ernest S. Batterson of Kalamazoo; Kenneth C. Black and Adrian T. Languis of Lansing, and James A. Spence of Saginaw.

Meeting jointly with the boards of the Detroit and Grand Rapids Chapters of The American Institute of Architects, consideration will be given toward unification of the profession in Michigan with



Ainslie



Zillmer



Baker

a view to one strong organization affiliated with the Institute.

A report will be heard from the committee on priorities for building materials in defense areas and a course plotted for future procedure. In the development of such plans the Producers' Council Club of Michigan will join with the architects and other elements of the building industry, it was stated by E. D. Ainslie, president of the Producers' Club. In this connection the Producers will feature "table top" exhibits.

Following the board meeting members will meet with local architects at a dinner at the Pantlind. Emil G. Zillmer, president of the Society's Grand Rapids Division, has appointed Charles Norton, Harry L. Mead, Frank Mester, Baker, Ralph Seeger and Paul E. Flanagan, as a local committee on arrangements for the meetings.



Prof. Lorch

### NOTE

Next Golf Outing to be at TAM O'SHANTER, Instead of Orchard Lake as previously announced.

### FIFTH GOLF OUTING

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Tuesday, September 16, 1941

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BILL SEELEY, Golf Chairman.

## BOARDS TO MEET JOINTLY and separately MEETING OF THE BOARD MICHIGAN SOCIETY OF ARCHITECTS

Hotel Pantlind, Grand Rapids  
Tuesday, September 23, 3:00 P. M.

Followed by Joint Meeting of Boards

M.S.A., Detroit Chapter, A.I.A., G.R. Chapter A.I.A.  
at 5:00 P. M.

BOARD OF DETROIT CHAPTER, A. I. A.  
will meet separately at 6:00 P. M.

Dinner at the Pantlind 7:00 P. M.

All board members will join at dinner with local architects—Michigan Society of Architects, West Michigan Society, G. R. Chapter, and non-affiliates—together with members of the Producers' Council Club of Michigan. Following dinner a program will be presented by the Producers.

### FIRED AT RANDOM

DAILY COLUMN IN GRAND RAPIDS PRESS  
by Roger Allen, A. I. A.

Hitler and Mussolini have had another meeting, although one would think the Duce could say "Yes" just as well over the phone.

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Fired at Random: Did you hear about the stingy farmer who criticized the hired man for carrying a lantern when calling on his girl?

"When I was courting," said the farmer, "I never carried no lantern; I went in the dark."

"Yes," said the hired man sadly, "and look what you got."

W. I. M.

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Then there was the mouse who gnawed a hole in the carpet so he could see the floor show.

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### THINGS THAT COULDN'T HAPPEN BUT DID.

Mrs. Florence Delisle marched into police headquarters in St. Paul, Minn., and complained that she had purchased a canary—a male bird—for \$3. Yesterday it laid an egg. The police are thinking this one over very carefully. If it weren't for the fact that Easter eggs are so prevalent, which might have given the canary ideas, they would assume that Mrs. Delisle had been defrauded.

While all this was going on, Russell Newsome, candidate for alderman in Wilson, N. C., went down to vote for himself and found that he wasn't registered.

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And across the state line in South Carolina, a preacher at a rural church counted the collection and remarked, "I thank you for this collection in the sum of \$4.15, two glass buttons and one velvet bean."

I had never heard of Orfordville, Wis., up to the time I read the AP dispatch, but it must be a town full of cast iron innards. The taverns there can sell hard liquor but no beer. A recent referendum showed residents voting 121 to 113 to ban beer, and approving the sale of hard stuff 126 to 121.

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### PARDON ME WHILE I GO PICKET THE WHITE HOUSE

If there is a great demand for My Week by Eleanor Roosevelt, the Ingham County News will add the syndicate feature. She has offered to write a column a week for the Ingham County News at 60c per week, all in plate form ready to print, or 50c per week in mat form. That's even cheaper than the present columnist works. What's all this stuff about the dignity of labor and the forgotten man when the first lady offers her literary output for 50c a week? Us columnists will have to form a union to keep out such cut throat competition.

—Nelson Brown in Ingham County News.

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"Technological unemployment" is just a long way of explaining what happens to horse flies when tractors become prevalent.



## WASHINGTON—(Continued from Page 1)

Cramer said they should estimate the number of houses they would build by June, 1942, end of the fiscal year, and apply for priority numbers on them.

Mr. Shields presented Mr. Cramer with building statistics for the City of Detroit, including suburban areas. Mr. Cramer stated that he was glad to get them and preferred to deal with such groups as ours. He suggested that we see Mr. Blodgett Sage, O.P.M. Liaison, at 462 Independence Avenue. To determine the number of housing units needed in the Detroit area, he said Mr. Ferrier was Regional Coordinator.

When the meeting with Mr. Cramer adjourned, Mr. Kelsey saw Mr. Palmer, who said no definite plan was yet available, but that it would undoubtedly be more and more difficult to get materials.

Mr. McLees and Mr. Kelsey called on Mr. John Biggers who had about the same statement to make. The two then went to see Mr. Gross at 462 Indiana Avenue; thence to Mr. John Foley at Room 207, Social Security Building, regarding lumber priorities, and Mr. F. T. Ketchum at Room 2077 regarding plumbing priorities.

Monday afternoon the committee called on Mr. Sage, and his assistant Mr. Haycraft. Mr. Shields again outlined the Detroit Plan and the reasons for its preparation.

Mr. Sage said he could only speak with regard to the defense effort, which would include some defense housing. Since we were suggesting things outside this, he asked, "How are we to unscramble such a problem?" He stated that all he could tell us was that he had prepared a plan remarkably like ours, that it had gone to O.P.M. Council, consisting of the Secretary of War, Secretary of the Navy, Mr. Knudsen, Mr. Hillman and others, and that it was still in their hands. Mr. Sage believed that the numbers issued by Mr. Cramer would mean little if anything, since he is director of priorities for defense housing, while Mr. Stettinius is director of priorities for O.P.M.

The committee next visited Mr. Varnum B. Steinbaugh, Governor Van Wagoner's liaison officer, with a view to making an appointment with Mr. Knudsen. Mr. Steinbaugh said Senator Brown had called Mr. Knudsen on our behalf, but while Mr. Knudsen was familiar with our problem and in sympathy, he was not able to see us, stating that there were conflicts with FHA, HOLC, DHC, et al., and that the matter must first be settled by Mr. Stettinius.

Mr. Steinbaugh said that up to date he had been concentrating on reductions in automobile production, but would now probably get into the building problem. He said that O.P.A.C.S. would have to pass on our plan. He believes that O.P.M. had not yet gone seriously into this plan.

Mr. Steinbaugh mentioned "Shopping Lists," which mean surveys of plants, whose production had been cut, to devise other useful products they could make. This is to help change-over in labor. A similar thing might be done in the building industry, Mr. Steinbaugh said, under the Priorities Division of the Labor Department.

Tuesday morning Mr. Nelson and Mr. McLees called on Mr. Jones of the National Lumber Dealers' Association, who said that the present tentative plan was not satisfactory. They next called upon Mr. Ketchum, special advisor on plumbing and heating, department of purchases. Mr. Nelson stressed the importance for wholesalers who have national and local organizations. Mr. Nelson gave Mr. Ketchum the name of Mr. Brecht, manager of a large wholesale house in Philadelphia, as a key man in the industry.

Mr. Ketchum stated that he was going to appoint a committee of eight for a meeting in Washington, the eight to represent manufacturers and important members of the industry.

While there was no one who could say definitely that distributors would be issued priorities numbers, all those we interviewed stated that they were thinking along the lines of our plan but had not gone quite that far. At their request copies of the Detroit Plan, as well as Mr. Shields' building statistics, were left with each department we interviewed, and they were receptive and appreciative of our interests and help to the Government, as well as the building industry.

## REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON PRIORITIES FOR BUILDING MATERIALS, CITY OF DETROIT

The Committee on Emergency Defense Materials, City of Detroit, representing all of the elements of the building industry, being desirous of serving the best interests of the National Government and its private industries, and cooperating with the different governmental agencies as regards to priorities, presents the attached plan for Procedure on Scarce Materials Essential to Building Construction in Defense Areas.

This Committee is aware of the emergency that faces the Nation and is mindful of its obligation to it, and this is a sincere attempt on its part to be helpful in working out a feasible plan for securing the necessary materials for construction, repair and remodeling purposes with as little delay as possible.

Information from the Federal Government leads us to believe that as yet no definite ceiling has been established for housing in a defense area, and furthermore, various questions have arisen as to the procedure which may be established in securing priorities. Realizing the tremendous task which confronts Federal officials in allocating the essential and scarce materials to the purpose of defense without dislocating our economic balance too greatly where private industry is concerned, we have developed the attached plan.

The purpose of the plan will be to enable the local distributor of the materials to maintain sufficient inventory for "off the shelf" sales of merchandise which must be manufactured in advance so that the construction of homes, repairs, and remodeling and other necessary building and plant maintenance will not be delayed.

We submit facts which were and are pertinent to the development of the priorities plan as follows;

When the distributor gets an order for essential construction materials, he cannot wait to place the contract with the manufacturer or other supplier and then await delivery. Instead, he must will the order promptly out of stock, drawing on his inventory of materials to do so.

In trades such as plumbing, electrical work, heating, roofing, and carpentry, there must be provided those materials which are essential to repair and replacement in order that the health and safety of the people may be maintained and protected. To that end the neighborhood plumber, electrician, or carpenter must have supplies available to take care of the customers' emergencies.

It is also important that alterations and remodeling work continue which provide adequate housing or rooms in existing construction for defense workers.

In the Metropolitan area of Detroit are executives and business men who are just as important to community life and just as essential to defense as are the men who work at the bench, at the machine, at the mill, or at the assembly line. The amount of plumbing, roofing, electrical work, cast iron, and structural steel used in a \$7,500 house is practically the same as that used in one costing \$5,500. Since there is such a trifling difference in the scarce materials used in this type of home, we feel that this class should be given consideration.

In view of these facts, in each instance where a new structure is contemplated, we believe that some authorized Federal official should pass on its necessity as a part of the community development.

The Committee, therefore, urgently recommends and requests the immediate adoption of the attached plan for establishing priorities on materials used in building construction in this defense area.

Respectfully submitted

Edmund Kuhlman, Chairman.	Howard McLees
Edwin J. Brunner	Harry O. Nelson
Talmage C. Hughes	L. Glenn Shields



## PROCEDURE FOR PRIORITY ON SCARCE MATERIALS ESSENTIAL TO BUILDING CONSTRUCTION IN DEFENSE AREAS

This proposed plan is to be used in securing a steady flow of necessary materials for building construction, repairs and remodeling essential to defense and will apply only to sales which can be identified as necessary to a defense area.

When the distributor finds it impossible to obtain a particular material he shall proceed as follows:

1: Make an analysis of sales for the ninety-day period prior to the request for priority number and determine as accurately as possible the percentage of item or items going into construction, remodeling or repairs essential to a defense area.

2: The distributor shall file with his request for priority number the estimated percentage in sales together with a statement of the amount of stock on hand, and an estimate of the amount of the essential material required for the next ninety-day period.

3: Each distributor shall maintain a record of sales classified as necessary to a defense area, such records to be open for inspection by any person designated by the Federal Government, and the percentage of necessary sales in each three-month period shall determine the distributor's rating for the next three-month period.

4: Should there be any question as to the need of essential materials ordered, the distributor shall require his customer to furnish a signed statement showing the location and kind of building, its use or proposed use, so that this information might be available to the Priorities Division.

5: In the case of a distributor who sells for re-sale and finds it necessary to secure a priority number on any item or items, it shall be necessary for the distributor to obtain signed statements from his customer giving the percentage of their sales going to necessary or defense construction, and such statements submitted by the customers shall accompany the distributor's request for priority number.

6: After a priority number is issued to a distributor, he may extend such priority number to his supplier, who may in turn re-extend such number to his source of supply for securing materials.

7: In order that a definite record of the materials from the manufacturer to the job may be available, any supplier or distributor who thus extends a priority number and preference ratings, shall keep such records as may be required by the Priorities Division.

8: In case a distributor finds, after making his request or estimate of goods required for the next ninety day period, that such request or estimate will not cover his requirement for that period, he shall execute an interim report for the materials, sending it to the proper authority with a full letter of explanation.

## BAD HOUSES AND GOOD

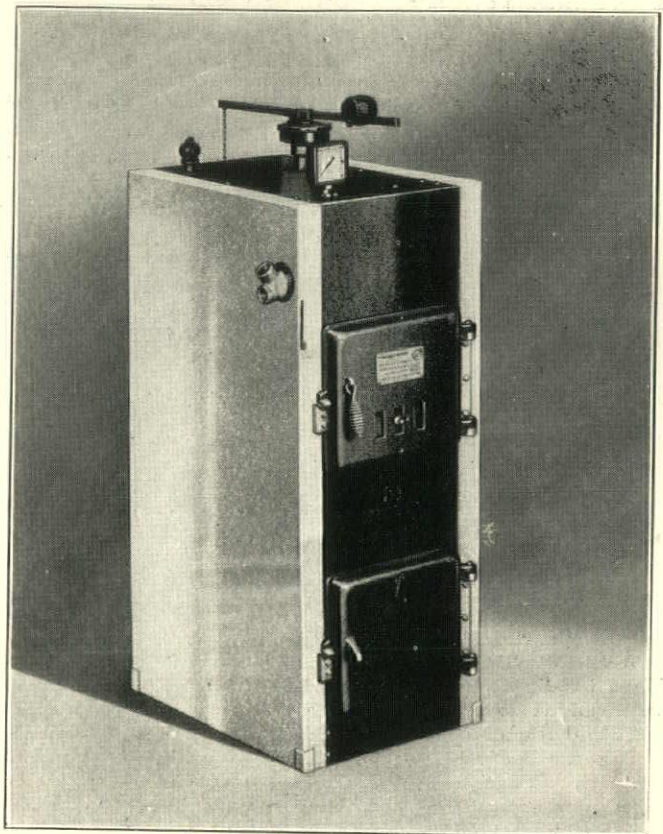
*An Editorial from the Niles, Mich. Star, Aug. 27, '41*

Small houses are the order of the day. Young people start their home-buying with them. Older people tire of the care and upkeep of big ones and want to find small quarters for declining years. Middle-sized houses go to those families where growing children need elbow room.

But why are there so many bad small houses built? James G. Monnett, real estate expert, thinks the answer is easy. Too many people think of a small house as a big one cut down. The small house is as different from the large one, he says, as a man is different from an ape. The small house needs a plan of its own and a good architect to draw the plans and supervise the erection of the dwelling.

So far so good. But what makes a good plan? Frank Lloyd Wright, noted architect, lecturer and writer, whose modern buildings have done a great deal to set American living in the way of use and beauty, has a theory worth thinking about. He says you have to know what kind of life you want to live before you can know what kind of plan you want for your house.

So, if your life is all outside, at movies, sports, bridge,



## NEW SMALL BOILER BY KOHLER

A new "A" boiler, engineered for the modern small home is being announced by the Kohler Co., Kohler, Wis. Advantages of the "A" boiler include its fuel-saving wet base, long flue passages, and built-in domestic water heater.

Answering in particular the need of low-cost home builders desiring radiant warmth, the "A" is a general purpose boiler burning oil or coal equally well.

Water in this Kohler boiler circulates completely around the firebox, this wet base feature preventing heat loss to the floor around the base, and making fireproofing of floor unnecessary.

The type "A" can be installed without its heavy steel jacket to heat the room in which it is located. The unusual three-point support assures a steady bearing on any kind of floor.

The boiler's design is compact, making it suitable in homes where space is at a premium. Nevertheless, flue passages are long—an efficiency feature important because it forces high heat extraction.

A built-in trombone tubular type heater is available in two sizes for domestic hot water. It may be installed on either side, front section.

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An opening for built-in automatic low water switch and tappings for automatic controls are provided. All assemblies of the "A" boiler have 2½" front and rear flow tappings.

and you come home only to sleep, an apartment is enough. But if you want your feet on the good earth, if you want to create something outside and inside, then you need a house. You want one large room for the feeling of space, the placing of furniture, for friends, perhaps for music and an open fire. You need an extremely competent modern kitchen. Bedrooms must be big enough to move around in, but need not much more space than for dressing and sleeping. The yard can be small, but your own. Children must play and study, make and learn. Think it all out first. Don't jump and be sorry.



## Backfired at Random

Tudor Mansion, the unfinished 110-room castle of the late John F. Dodge, automobile magnate, in Lake Shore drive, Grosse Pointe Farms, is being torn down.

Dodge began building the mansion shortly before his death 21 years ago after collecting rare stones, marble and other materials with the intent of erecting the finest home in the world. At the time of his death, more than \$2,500,000 had been spent on construction.

During the time it has stood uncompleted, taxes totaling \$155,000 have been paid, Harry A. Furton, Grosse Pointe Farms clerk, reported.

The uncompleted building is on property 1,200 by 376 feet and is being demolished under orders of Mrs. Matilda R. Wilson, widow of Dodge.

The property had been for sale for several years and is expected to become more marketable through removal of the building.

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John P. Baker, prominent Grand Rapids architect, has been named to design the "Ideal Home of 1942," which will be the leading educational feature of the 1942 Complete Home Builders Exposition, now being planned for early March, 1942, according to Frank E. Ederle, manager of the show and secretary of the Builders and Traders Exchange of Grand Rapids, sponsors of the home-building exposition.

Baker, a native of Grand Rapids, was educated at Union high school and graduated from the colleges of engineering and architecture at the University of Michigan in 1924. In 1926 he returned to the university for post graduate work, and was granted the degree of master of science in architecture and was elected to membership in the Iota Alpha, post graduate fraternity in engineering research. At present he is a director of the Michigan Society of Architects and is president of the Grand Rapids Chapter of The American Institute of Architects.

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The 1942 Detroit Builders' Show Ideal Home will be erected at the northwest corner of W. Outer Drive and San Juan from plans prepared by Hewlett & Luckenbach, Detroit architects, it has been announced by Kenneth D. McGregor, show manager.

Both of the architects, Thomas H. Hewlett and Owen A. Luckenbach, are graduates of the University of Pennsylvania and are members of the A. I. A. and Michigan Society of Architects. They received recognition recently for the design of the Charles Housing Project in Detroit, which won the Detroit Chapter, A. I. A. award.

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Casting precedent to the winds, Eliel Saarinen, the architect, and his associates have set out to prove that a community of low-cost homes can be beautiful as well as serviceable.

Efforts to achieve such results typify designs by Saarinen, his son, Eero, and his son-in-law, Robert F. Swanson, for a new defense community in Centerline to provide homes for 500 defense workers and their families now living in tents, trailers and shacks. Work on the project, which will be rushed to completion within six months, was to be started last week.

The unusual community will be a standout because of a striking color scheme and a novel arrangement of short and long structures. There will be 84 housing units, as well as a community building and a school. The housing unit will be of simple frame construction, with both horizontal siding and vertical board-and-battens. The community center and the school will be of masonry and wood.

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Some of the nation's best-known architects are now providing the United States Housing Authority with advice on improving the appearance and livability of its low-rent homes without increasing costs, it was announced recently

by Nathan Straus, USHA Administrator. The architects will serve without compensation.

The advisory board includes Rudolph S. Adler, Atlanta, Ga.; Eero Saarinen, Bloomfield Hills, Mich.; Hugh Stubbins, Jr., Boston, Mass.; Henry Churchill, Talbot F. Hamlin, Don Hatch, William Lescaze, Albert Mayer, and George Nelson, all of New York City.

Chairman of the group is Howard Myers, editor of the *Architectural Forum*.

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Miss Elizabeth Martini, MSA, of Bangor, Michigan, one of a few women architects in the United States, is the author of a featured article in a national publication for September on the remodeling of her rural home, a brick house on the Martini farm.

The house is located along the Black river on the western edge of Bangor on the old Black River Mill road. The article is illustrated by pictures and explains in detail the step by step improvements that have been made over a period of years.

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Says E. V. Durling in a syndicated article in the *Detroit Times*, "Many women view the term 'housewife' with bitterness. They feel it lacks glamour. That it smacks too much of servile domesticity. They prefer 'home manager.' In view of this I suggest all architects in future include in their plans a room called: 'Home manager's office.' This room should be furnished same as a woman business executive's office i. e., telephone, desk, typewriter, eight ash trays, three mirrors, six flower pots, etc. The home manager should be on salary. The assistant home manager would, of course, be the oldest daughter. The rest of the children could be on the staff. I haven't the details of this noble experiment thoroughly worked out but foregoing is the general idea. What I am having trouble figuring out is how many hours a week should a home manager work?"

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John C. Thornton was recently host to Mr. Romon Fresnedo, architect of Montevideo. Mr. Fresnedo is connected with the State Department of Uruguay and is traveling in this country to study large office buildings and other structures.

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Structural clay tile especially suited to defense construction, an upward acting garage door set, a modern wiring system for low cost dwelling and farm outbuildings, and newly designed bathtubs of ceramic material are among the building products described in the bulletin of the Producers' Council, edited by the Department of Technical Services of the American Institute of Architects.

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David E. Anderson, Marquette architect, has been authorized by the Sault Ste. Marie city commission to make sketches of the Soo's proposed new \$200,000 city hall and downtown Army service center.

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The Research Council of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences, Taft Bldg., Hollywood, California, has been set up by the motion picture industry to standardize motion picture procedures and techniques and, through cooperative effort, to improve motion picture quality in the theatre.

As part of the Council's program. Technical Bulletins are issued from time to time on different motion picture subjects.

Our Theatre Sound Standardization Committee, after conferences and discussions with architects and acoustical and equipment engineers, has recently drawn up "Theatre Acoustic Recommendations" Bulletin. These recommendations formulate general principles to guide the acoustic design of motion picture theatres. The brochure can be obtained free by writing the Council or the Weekly Bulletin.

**YOUR MEMBERSHIP**—If you are an architect registered in Michigan won't you support your organization by paying \$5.00 dues to March 1, 1942?

WEEKLY BULLETIN



## THANK YOU

Received a clipping recently from the "Weekly Bulletin" calling attention to the fact that the paid-up membership in the Michigan Society of Architects was 65 per cent out of a possible 688, so far, for 1941, with a 1940 yearly percentage of 59 per cent. The Architects' Society of Ohio is not doing nearly so well.

The clipping also contained a portion of a bathroom advertisement which included, as usual, a very beautiful young lady, with the question implying that perhaps the advertisement had something to do with the fine showing being made by the Michigan Membership Committee. It is well known, of course, that architects are quite appreciative of feminine wiles, but the above membership showing represents genuine, everlastingly-at-it interest and efforts on the part of "the faithful few." Maybe we can get them to tell us something about how it's done when they come down to our Convention at Toledo the 2nd, 3rd and 4th of October—OHIO ARCHITECT.

I want to congratulate you on the July 29 issue of your Weekly Bulletin. It was a well gotten up magazine.

—JULIAN L. KAHLE, Empire State Architect

The North Carolina Association of Architects appreciates the courtesy you have shown in sending the Bulletin to the secretary. Since the Association maintains no headquarters the secretary has formed the habit of distributing accumulated numbers to the members at the various meetings throughout the state. You may be interested to know that much favorable comment was made on the quality of the publication as well as on the energy that must be required to keep it going—LUTHER LASHMIT.

The Bulletin of the Michigan Society of Architects carries some very interesting articles on Public Information. Mr. Talmage Hughes, Editor, is putting forth every effort to arouse the profession to prevent further outside usurping of the functions of the architect. All members are urged to read these valuable articles.

BULLETIN,

Central Illinois Chapter, A. I. A.

Our members have greatly appreciated receiving your bulletin, which we find to be of great help and interest. The committee wishes to congratulate you on your excellent work in the interests of the profession and sends you its best wishes.

I read the Michigan Bulletin with interest and I think you ought to be commended for the continued activity and interest which you develop.

Apparently the word "billboard," in the report prepared by Mr. Jack Little, has caused some misunderstanding and comment. I have already written to Messrs. Hagedohm, Appleton and Reimers, to correct any idea that the Southern California Chapter approved unsightly commercial billboards. I believe that you should feel flattered that your Michigan Society Bulletin receives such close attention and that it is actually reaching members of the profession.

Mr. Little suggested billboards as a medium with which to reach the public. His idea was a very few well designed architectural sign boards, calling attention to architectural services and displayed in such locations as adjacent to new residential tracts. I trust that I have corrected any misconception of Mr. Little's suggestion.

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## OHIO ARCHITECTS CONVENTION

Commodore Perry Hotel, Toledo -- October 2, 3 and 4

A Toledo Committee on arrangements for the Annual Convention of the Architects Society of Ohio has announced that Mr. Roger Allen, of Grand Rapids, Michigan, listed as a perennial toastmaster, poet laureate, architect (?), writer and humorist (?) has condescended to be our toastmaster on the evening of October 3 at the Commodore Perry Hotel in Toledo.

This is a real "break" for the delegates, as R. A. knows his architects, and his efforts alone will justify all the time and effort necessary to be on hand.

The committee also announced that Mr. Pope Barney, a well-known architect from Philadelphia, has accepted our invitation to speak at the dinner on Friday evening, October 3rd. While R. A. may try to steal the show, he will have his hands more than full when he meets Mr. Barney from the City of Brotherly Love.

The president has arranged to have Mr. Carnahan on hand to explain the radio programs he has been working on and to head up a general forum on this subject at the Convention. It has been definitely determined to give Mr. Carnahan time to do this job right this year.

The Convention Committee, headed by John Richards, has been doing some deep mining, and will have some very interesting surprises for those who attend the various scheduled sessions of the Convention. In preparing this odious task, it must, of course, be understood that the committee has not overlooked the ladies.

That the women who attended the Convention in Toledo will be well entertained is doubly assured by the wise selection of the Convention Committee of Norma Hayes Richards as general chairman of the Women's Committee. Mrs. Richards is the wife of John N. Richards, one of the very active member of the Society, and past president of the Toledo Chapter, A. I. A.

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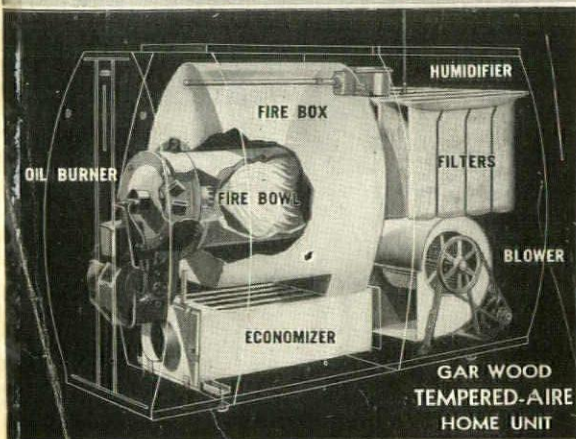
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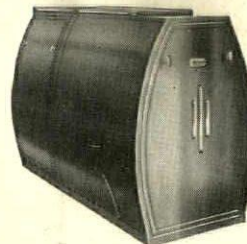
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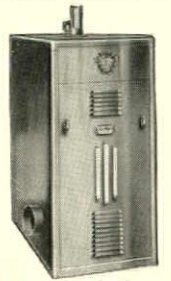
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## Consequence of the Participation by Government . . . in the Preparation of Plans and the Carrying Out of Building Operations

By Albert Kahn, F. A. I. A., Detroit, Michigan, U. S. A.

*From the report of The Fifteenth International Congress of Architects, to have been held under the auspices of The Government of the United States of America and The American Institute of Architects, Washington, September 24-30, 1939.*

There can be no question about the desirability, even necessity of Governmental—both Federal and State—participation in the preparation of plans and the carrying out of building operations.

This statement applies equally to private enterprise.

Familiarity with requirements, the result of repeatedly solving the same or similar projects is invaluable in the development of plans, and the Government as well as private industry would fail in their duties if proper agencies for directing the planning and construction of buildings were not provided.

Whether, however, Government bureaus or industrial organizations may undertake the actual preparation of plans—the supervision, even the construction of the work, in the hope of producing the best results, is a very serious question in the opinion of the writer.

The objections to such a plan in Government work are:

First, there is too much work to be done for any one department to handle successfully. The Procurement Division of the Treasury Department, for instance, employs many hundreds of men; the Army, Navy and other divisions, many more hundreds. It is utterly impossible to manage such groups with certain regimentation which must interfere with creative work.

Then, the red tape that necessarily obtains in such organizations is another objection. It is apt to destroy initiative.

Standardization must be the rule, and this makes for stereotyped results. The best incentives are lacking for individuality and men grow into a rut, often become indifferent, and do not keep informed on the advances of the profession.

In private industry where smaller architectural departments often exist, many of the same objections apply. The technical knowledge concerning the particular product to be housed and acquaintance with detailed requirements are, of course, of prime importance in planning, but the men engaged by these private concerns are generally of limited capacity or little versed in the advances made in the profession. On the other hand, men successfully engaged in private practice must be on their toes, as it were, and keep fully informed if they are to meet competition.

They are, therefore, in a position to materially contribute to and greatly benefit the work. The employment of a competent private practitioner should result in a fresh attack upon problems, a greater enthusiasm in solving their intricacies, and above all, furnish the assistance of men often more skilled in design and construction than the groups gathered in Government bureaus or by individual organizations.

Then, too, we must voice the complaint that unnecessary competition on the part of Government with private practice works a hardship on the individual architects, who often, in times of stress such as of recent years, would be wonderfully heartened and uplifted by the opportunity to share in the work carried on by the Government and would in numerous cases be enabled to keep their offices open and their employees at work.

Nor is the statement that the employment of private practitioners results in delay in the preparation of plans entirely tenable. Such delays when they occur are generally traceable to improper choice of private architects, politics too often playing an important part.

Any well organized private office should with the very efficient cooperation of officials and staffs of government agencies produce superior results practically, artistically, as well as economically.

That Government officials recognize the advantages of employing outside engineers is proven by the fact that when an emergency arises, such are often called upon to help. Only recently the Navy Department recommended to Congress the employment of private architects and engineers for carrying on the work contemplated for the Pacific and Atlantic naval bases. The Chief of the Department frankly stated that such an arrangement would help expedite the work and at a negligible difference in cost of preparing the working plans. Congress approved the recommendation.

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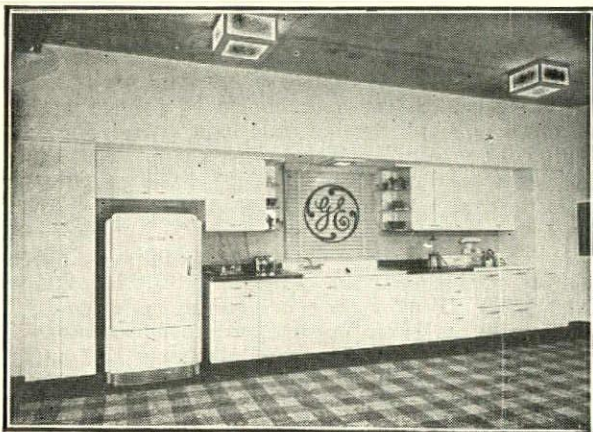
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## STATE ARCHITECTS TO STUDY PRIORITIES

How priorities on building materials will affect the building industry throughout the state, as well as defense areas, will be discussed at a meeting of the Michigan Society of Architects in Grand Rapids on September 23, it is announced by C. William Palmer, Society president.

The meeting, which will include the boards of directors of the State Society, Detroit and Grand Rapids Chapters of The American Institute of Architects and West Michigan Division of the Society, will be held at the Pantlind Hotel and be followed by a dinner at which the Producers' Council Club of Michigan will report on a priorities survey they are conducting.

Frank Eurich, Jr., the architects' liaison officer with the Producers' has announced that E. Douglas Ainslie, president of the Producers' Council Club of Michigan, will conduct the after-dinner meeting.

"Advance publicity on the Government's proposed system of priorities has caused considerable confusion in the minds of the public, as well as members of the building industry," Palmer said in announcing a thorough airing of the subject scheduled for the Grand Rapids meeting.

"Such misunderstanding has no doubt resulted from the plans adopted in 1918 which were in effect 'restrictions' on private building. This was necessary at that time because of the shortage of lumber and transportation. Since these conditions do not exist today the two situations are not comparable.

"Reports of our Priorities Committee" have not indicated that there is any inclination on the part of Washington officials to restrict any particular class of private construction. What they are primarily interested in is the assurance of delivery of necessary materials for the Government's armament program, and this will affect the mechanical trades. For instance, it is estimated that the Government's needs for steel for implements of war in 1942 will be about 6,500,000 tons, but plants and machinery to produce these munitions will require about 50,000,000 tons. Since last year's production was approximately 80,000,000 tons and this could easily be increased to around 100,000,000 tons it may be that something approaching normal requirements for civilian building will result.

"Thus it can be seen that the purpose of priorities is to insure the materials for defense and not curtail private enterprise. In defense areas where whole new neighborhoods are to be created the Government has recognized the necessity for buildings other than residential units. These include schools, churches, hospitals and even commercial buildings and can be financed under the 'Utilities Bill,' which is also for the construction of water systems, sewers, etc."

At the 5 o'clock joint meeting of the three boards all members of the two chapters and the State Society will be welcome. The subject to be discussed "one architectural organization for Michigan," is an important one.

## HORATIO B. HACKETT

Colonel Horatio B. Hackett, 61, architect and prominent football official, died in Chicago on September 8.

Graduated from West Point in 1904 after starring in four sports, he resigned from the army in 1906, became a Chicago architect, and refereed Big Ten football games for more than 30 years.

Maj. John L. Griffith, Western conference athletic commissioner, said Hackett was one of the outstanding athletic men of the nation and a topnotch football official all through the years."

As an artillery officer in France, Hackett was wounded in the World war and received the Distinguished Service Cross.

He engaged in architectural work until 1934, when he devoted three years of work to P.W.A. in Washington, two years as assistant administrator under Harold Ickes. Since then he had been president of Thompson-Starrett Co., New York contractors, and for the past year president of Material Service Corporation, Chicago.

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## BOARDS TO MEET JOINTLY and separately MEETING OF THE BOARD MICHIGAN SOCIETY OF ARCHITECTS

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All board members will join at dinner with local architects—Michigan Society of Architects, West Michigan Society, G. R. Chapter, and non-affiliates—together with members of the Producers' Council Club of Michigan. Following dinner a program will be presented by the Producers.

## METROPOLITAN ART ASSOCIATION ELECTS OFFICERS

At its first meeting of the season, September 15, Metropolitan Art Association board of directors elected Jay Boorsma, Society of Arts and Crafts, chairman and Wayne L. Claxton of Wayne University vice-chairman. Other members of the board are Miss Florence Davies, art editor, The Detroit News; Miss Marion Loud, Liggett School; Beaver Edwards, Scarab Club; Miss Mabel Arbuckle, Detroit Public Schools; Edgar P. Richardson, Detroit Institute of Arts; Mrs. Harry L. Winston; Mrs. William Raw, Detroit Artists Market, and Talmage C. Hughes, architect.

The Metropolitan Art Association will be remembered as the group that brought Dr. Gropius here to speak last winter. Its aim is to form a common meeting ground for artists, architects, teachers and art students in Detroit, and to have programs which will be of interest to them all. The group is an excellent one for architects to be affiliated with.

Plans are being made for a series of lectures this Fall and Winter including a comprehensive exhibition on housing at the Art Institute in February. In this connection there is to be a top flight architect and city planner as speaker. It is hoped that considerable local material will supplement the traveling exhibit.

Architects would do well to join this group as they are doing a very worth-while work and helping to further our interests. So consider yourself solicited for two bucks. Just send it in care of the Bulletin.

## DIEHL ELECTED MEMBER A. I. A.

George F. Diehl has been elected a member of The American Institute of Architects and assigned to its Detroit Chapter, according to an announcement made Saturday by Emil Lorch, Chapter president. Diehl, a native Detroit, received his early experience in the offices of Albert Kahn; Smith, Hinchman & Grylls, and Donaldson & Meier. He was registered in Michigan by examination in 1924, since which time he has been in practice, having a partnership with H. August O'Dell and later with the late William B. Stratton.

He has served as vice-president of the Michigan Society of Architects and president of its Detroit Division. At present he is a member of the State Registration Committee to cooperate with the Board of Examiners for Architects and Engineers.

In late years Diehl's work has been largely in the field of churches, schools and parish houses. His recent commissions include Gesu Parish Church and Convent, St. Bridget Rectory, Our Lady of Good Counsel Rectory, addition to Guardian Angel Church, school for St. Julian Parish, Catholic Central Auditorium and Gymnasium, all in Detroit, and Holy Redeemer Parish Auditorium in Flint, Michigan.



## MISCELLANY

John H. Freeman of Detroit and Edward G. Hertel, Sr. of Lansing have been named directors of the newly formed American Society of Architectural Hardware Consultants, according to an announcement from the Society headquarters in Washington, D.C.

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Edmond L. Sanderson, who retired in May from the position of Deputy Commissioner of the Department of Buildings and Safety Engineering, after occupying that post since the organization of the Department in 1918, has joined the force of Midwest Underwriters, Inc., general insurance, in the Kales Building. Ed has many friends among us, who will be interested to know of his new connection and will wish him every success.

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Early registration in the Detroit Institute of Technology indicates that the draft will take a comparatively small toll of students, with the enrollment expected to equal last year's total of 2700.

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## MICHIGAN ARCHITECTS ON NATIONAL COMMITTEES

Members of the Detroit Chapter, The American Institute of Architects will play an important part in the Institute's committee work during 1941-42, according to an announcement made public Saturday by Richmond H. Shreve of New York, Institute president.

Clair W. Ditchy will serve as chairman of the Committee on By-Laws, Talmage C. Hughes as chairman of the Committee on Public Information, Richard P. Raseman as chairman of the Committee on Allied Arts and Eliel Saari-nen as chairman of Committee on Civic Design.

Other members and their committees are Branson V. Gamber, Architectural Competitions, also Classes of Membership; Arthur K. Hyde, Membership; Emil Lorch, Registration; John C. Thornton, Technical Service; William D. Cuthbert, Architectural Services. Raseman will also serve as member of the Committee on Foreign Relations.

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The plan of the Procurement Division (which today prepares all its working drawings) adopted some years ago of inviting outstanding architects at fixed salaries to act as consultants, has produced improved results. The buildings thus constructed give evidence thereof. At that, there is apt to be interference, often resulting in compromises, and not the best such consultants could produce if engaged as private practitioners. The more recent plan promoted by the Secretary of the Treasury whereby the Procurement Division institutes competitions for certain buildings, employing the successful contestant as consultant in the preparation of working drawings, is a step in advance. It should make for still better results. It is to be hoped, however, that the Department may go yet one step further by continuance of competitions and allowing the successful competitor to execute the working plans in his own office to the approval of the Procurement Division. This is the plan adopted in connection with the proposed new Smithsonian Museum, the competition for which was adjudged in July. The results will no doubt prove the wisdom of this plan.

As for preparation of working drawings by private enterprise, this also generally proves a mistake, though the fact is not always realized. Comparison of work done in this manner with that produced by competent private practitioners definitely proves this. In most instances, the former employs a small group of men usually for maintenance work. This then is increased by such assistants as are available. This rarely means the best for they are, as a rule, employed. A mixed group of this kind can hardly be expected to produce results equal to those of a competent experienced organization. The plan is generally adopted to effect economies in both preparation of plans and in construction, but usually the opposite obtains. Where problems involve building around secret processes, there may be reason for undertaking their own work, but ordinarily the work of the private concern can not compare with that of the experienced professional.

One particularly unfortunate system often employed by private enterprise is to have contracting firms render architectural service, such being entrusted with the working up of preliminary sketches prepared by the owners. Little do the latter appreciate the risk involved. Properly equipped architectural organizations with carefully prepared plans and specifications will produce infinitely better results and through competitive bidding, lower costs; besides which, the employment of the private architect places someone disinterested in charge of the work, thereby protecting the interests of the owner.

The problem of the participation of the Government as well as private enterprise in the practice of architecture is doubtless not confined to the United States alone. It is possible that a satisfactory solution of the questions involved has been reached in other countries. It is equally probable that the nature of the relations between the Government, private enterprise and the private practitioner differs in other countries, that perhaps in some places the questions raised do not exist.

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The 1941 Convention of Architects Society of Ohio will see the introduction of new features both in convention proceedings and the exhibition, it has been announced by George B. Mayer of Cleveland, Society president. The proximity of Toledo to the Ohio and Michigan line makes it quite proper that the architects from Michigan be invited and made welcome.

"There will also be in attendance members of the Examining Boards of the adjoining States, and our own State Board is going to cooperate with Mr. Alfred Hahn, the Toledo committee member of the board, working with the local committee," Mr. Mayer says.

Special notice has been given that the competition for work completed during the past two years will be held again this year. The Competition Committee is holding regular meetings to discuss details and establish the program. Tentatively they have decided on four classes this year, so that each project will be in competition with projects of a similar nature and size. Emil Lorch, president of the Detroit Chapter, A.I.A., and C. William Palmer, president, Michigan Society of Architects, will be jurors.

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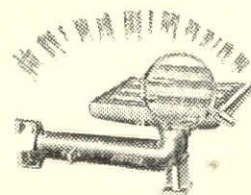
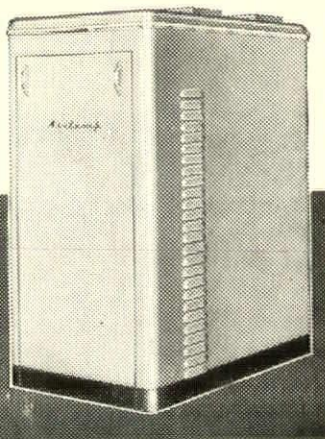
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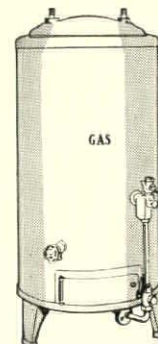


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## PRIORITIES, UNIFICATION DISCUSSED BY ARCHITECTS

At the first meeting ever held jointly by the Michigan Society of Architects with the Detroit and Grand Rapids Chapters of The American Institute of Architects plans were discussed at the Pantlind Hotel in Grand Rapids on September 23rd for combining these groups into one statewide organization.

At the request of Richmond H. Shreve of New York, Institute president, C. Julian Oberwarth, Great Lakes Regional Director of the Institute, and Leigh Hunt of Milwaukee, chairman of its Committee on Unification, were present to discuss the problem with State architects.

"There is no doubt that the architectural profession of Michigan could give better service to the public were we unified in one organization," C. William Palmer, Society president, stated in pointing out that there has been considerable confusion in the minds of the public as to the several architectural organizations, each with its standards of practice, codes of ethics and sets of contract demands.

"The unanimous opinion expressed in the meeting was that such a coalition is desirable in the interest of placing architectural services within easy reach of every potential client, the ones who build \$5,000 houses as well as the industrialists who erect factories that run into millions," he continued.

"With the tendency today toward combinations to eliminate duplication of effort, it is necessary to bring architecture to the public. No longer can the architect sit in his office and expect the client to come along. By the time of The American Institute of Architects' Annual Convention, which is scheduled for Detroit next June, we hope to present a united front in Michigan that leave no doubt in the minds of anyone as to who's who among Michigan architects."

Emil Lorch, Detroit Chapter president, pointed out the added service that would result to members of the profession by reason of such a combination, while John P. Baker, president of the Grand Rapids Chapter, said that architects in his district seemed to strongly favor such a plan.

A special committee was appointed to make further study and to report back to the respective organizations.

### Priorities Explained

Because of the subjects announced for discussion attendance was one of the largest of any meeting held by Michigan architects, aside from their annual convention. At the dinner concluding the series of meetings a report was heard from the committee on priorities. The Producers' Council Club of Michigan reported on substitute materials and Frank Eurich, Jr., liaison officer with the Producers, deplored the premature publicity on the Government's priorities plan, stating that it had caused the public to become unduly alarmed. "When the plan was finally announced we found that the Government is actually not prohibiting or restricting the building, of any type of structure," he said in emphasizing the fact that, while there are tight spots at present in certain metals, American production capacity is so vast that there is bound to be a reasonable amount available for civilian requirements, even after the defense program has been satisfied.

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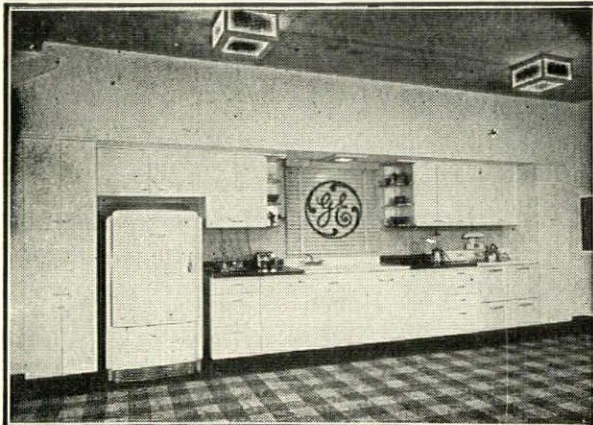
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First prizes will be special medals, struck for this occasion, and certificates of first and second mention in each class. A certificate of honorable mention also will be awarded for the best set of general working drawings covering any particular problems in any of the four classes of competition.

All the entries in this competition will comprise an Architectural Exhibit to be shown publicly throughout the convention.

State Registrations Boards for architects in Ohio and six other nearby states will meet jointly here, Thursday, October 2. The meeting, the first of its kind to be held in the United States, it is reported, has been arranged by Alfred A. Hahn, Toledo architect, who is one of the five members of the Ohio Registration Board. In addition to the Ohio Board, members of state boards will be present from Michigan, Pennsylvania, Kentucky, Indiana, Illinois and Wisconsin.

It is the intent, in this regional meeting of the seven state boards, Mr. Hahn said, to discuss the various state requirements, rules and regulations for the licensing of architects so that some progress may be made toward standardization of such procedure.

Plans for both the business and social sessions of the convention here are being completed rapidly by a convention committee of which Willis A. Vogel, Toledo, is chairman.

A special invitation has been issued to Michigan architects and many have already accepted for themselves and their wives. Looks like another Mackinac "Little Convention" of Michigan architects will gather in Toledo, at least on Friday and Friday evening. And well they might attend for the program looks very good indeed. Here 'tis:

## TOLEDO CONVENTION COMMITTEE



Standing (left to right), Horace Wachter, John Richards, Carl Britsch, Mark Stopplet. Seated, C. A. Langdon, Willis A. Vogel, Harold Munger.

## Men's Program

## WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON AND EVENING

Installing of exhibits—Mounting and judging of Competitive Drawings—Pre-Convention conferences of Legislative and other Committees.

## THURSDAY, OCTOBER 2

9:00 A. M.—Registration opens.

10:00 A. M.—Convention opens—Welcome greetings—Report of State Officers and Committee Chairmen—President George B. Mayer address.

12:15 to 2:00 P. M.—Luncheon—Guest speakers.

2:30 to 4:30 P. M.—Convention continues.

5:00 to 6:00 P. M.—Cocktail hour in Crystal Room for architects and ladies.

6:30 to 8:30 P. M.—Exhibitors' and Building Industry stag banquet—Guest speakers, address and entertainment.

8:30 P. M.—Round table groups, Unification, Building Industry Promotion, Code of Practice, and Publicity.

## FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3

9:00 A. M.—Convention session continues—Round Table reports—Message of State Examiners of Architects President—Nominating Committee report—Election of Officers—New Business.

12:00 to 1:30 P. M.—Luncheon.

1:30 to 3:00 P. M.—Convention continues—Installation of new officers—Special committees' reports.

3:00 to 5:00 P. M.—City tour.

6:30 P. M.—Architects' Convention Banquet—Toastmaster, Roger Allen of Grand Rapids, Michigan—Introduction of distinguished guests—Awards, Competition Medals and Mentions—Address by W. Pope Barney of Philadelphia, Pa.

9:00 P. M. to 1:00 A. M.—Convention Dance for architects, exhibitors and friends (informal).

## SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4

9:30 A. M.—Final session Convention—Action on Resolutions—Planning 1942 objectives—Various tours provided through new City Water Works system, Art Museum, Glass plants, Lumber and Mill companies, etc.—Golf links available.

Convention charges (includes two luncheons and Convention Banquet), \$3.50. Exhibitors' and Building Industry Banquet, \$1.25. Dance (per couple), \$1.50.

## Ladies' Program

## THURSDAY, OCTOBER 2

9:00 A. M.—Registration—Shopping time.

12:15 P. M.—Luncheon with architects in hotel—Guest speakers.

3:00 to 4:30 P. M.—Reception and tea.

5:00 to 6:00 P. M.—Cocktail hour in Crystal Room, architects and ladies.

6:30 P. M.—Dinner (ladies only) at Toledo Woman's Club—Entertainment follows.

## FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3

10:00 A. M.—Tour, Holy Rosary Cathedral—Toledo University—Residential section.

Noon—Inverness Club luncheon.

2:30 P. M.—Tour, Toledo Art Museum.

6:30 P. M.—Architects' Convention Banquet in Ballroom.

9:00 P. M. to 1:00 A. M.—Dance for architects, exhibitors and friends (informal).

Charges for ladies (architects and exhibitors) includes two luncheons, one dinner, and Architects' Convention Banquet, \$3.50. The Ladies Registry Badge is her ticket to included meals and events.

## C. W. GAIL

Clarence Wallace Gail, for many years with the Detroit office of Sherwin-Williams Co., died at his home, 319 E. Kirby St., on September 7, after an illness of 11 years.

The deceased was born in East Aurora, N. Y., 67 years ago. He attended schools in East Aurora and was graduated from Cornell University in 1896.

A member of St. James Episcopal Church and a former vestryman, Mr. Gail was very active within the community. He also belonged to Kappa Sigma fraternity, University Club, Cornell Club of Detroit, and the Masonic Lodge.

Mr. Gail's wife, Emily Trowbridge Gail, died early in July of this year. Surviving are four sons and one daughter, they are Mrs. Lancelot C. Minor of Detroit, and Maxwell T., Stephen T., Wallace, and William H., all of Detroit, also one brother, William Wallace Gail, of Billings, Mont., and Mrs. Florence G. McCreary, of Birmingham.

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## SEEN IN THE FIREPLACE

By Frances P. (Mrs. J. Campbell) Morrison.

It is unfortunate that the luxuriousness of our modern surroundings has robbed many of us of our capacity for awe. Whereas primitive man stood aghast at the accidental release of the spark at his hands, and knelt in the presence of fire, the symbol of life and witness of the presence of the gods, modern man looks upon the fire as a commonplace. Even so, the least impressionable man finds himself, in his moments of thought and relaxation, yielding to the wonder and the benediction of the open fire.

The capture of fire from heaven brought about the establishment of permanent homes to enshrine it. Around the hearth friendships evolved, family ties were strengthened, conversation was mellowed, and aspirations stirred. The fireside became the symbol of peace, friendship and contentment.

Fire was first enshrined on altars. The Israelites, the Romans, the Greeks, the Druids, the American Indians, the followers of Zoroaster—all the primitive races—watched with ecstasy the acceptance of their sacrificial offerings by the consuming gods of fire. The tribes gave of their fire to the heads of the households, and they in turn to their children, so that the warming, cheering, sustaining fires never went out in the land. Fire found a shelter first in caves, then in the center of the Indian tepee. Then came permanent homes for erstwhile nomads and restless pioneers—made possible largely by the scientific utilization of fire—with the hearthstone laid at the end of the long room where the family or clan gathered. The housing of the fire became more and more elaborate with the passing of time—massive carvings, priceless marble, ingenious craftsmanship displayed in every detail, and the laying of every hearthstone was accompanied by elaborate ceremonial and unrestrained gayety.

Gradually men lost their reverence for their now familiar blessing. The hauling in of the backlogs and the Yule log became a labor instead of a rite. They forgot that chaste Vesta sat by their fires, forgot Vulcan, god of fire, who had been the patron of artisans before the craftsman became a rarity. They lost the spiritual spark with which forgotten tradition had endowed the flame. The light of inspiration was extinguished, and Fire was imprisoned in sheet metal furnaces and cast-iron stoves.

For only a brief interval of the long history of fire was the beneficence of the Red God so enthralled. Anemic spirits demanded more nourishing sustenance than mere "modern conveniences," with the result that the fireplace began to reclaim its rightful place as both an architectural feature and a social center. Again the darting master magician is kindling our imaginations and warming our hearts. Again families and friends are gathering about the fireplace in easy, stimulating fellowship.

The new home without a fireplace is an exception to the rule. The home that takes full advantage of the possibilities of the fireplace is likewise, unfortunately, an exception to the rule; and the home that does, is the exceptional home we all covet.

Many excuses are offered for not utilizing the fireplace: It is too much trouble to get the fuel together; it is dirty; it is hard to clean up; so often when one would use it, there is not time to lay the fire. None of these objectionable features needs to exist, and the grate fire can be a constant pleasure without undue effort.

To enjoy to the full one's musings over the fire, one must know not only the details on constructing and equipping the fireplace and how to adapt it to his family and social needs, but also should know some of the legends and history of fire and fireplaces.

When primitive man first observed fire, he feared it, for he had seen the terrifying results of its uncontrolled ravages. When first he accidentally struck sparks that resulted in flame, he was awed. Fire, to him, was an element not of this world. He was not far removed from the animals at that stage of his existence, but his endowment of curiosity

and intelligence urged him on to the investigation of what was to become his most essential element in developing civilization. It has made the greatest contribution to the culinary arts, the comfort of warmth, the development of metals and glass, social enjoyment, and our present convenient, well-constructed, well-equipped structures.

It is interesting to know something of the origin of the fire we all enjoy so much as we sit around the fireplace. The study of fire lore is most fascinating. The mythical stories of fire—of which the tale of Prometheus is probably best known—are many and varied.

For some time it has been the vogue to resort to outdoor grilles and fireplaces when our young folks want a real "treat" (their oldsters, too, for that matter). Then in the past few years, people have seen the value of bringing the delights of the roast and the barbecue to their own back yards. Now we are reverting to the past to protect our future—using the fireplace inside the house, for where there is a fire to gather around our children flock, and we know where they are and what influences are surrounding them—the wholesome, cordial friendliness of a home centered around the hearth. They tell stories, hold debates, or play games around the fireplace in the living room. Or they roast their hamburgers and wieners and toast their marshmallows over the embers in the recreation room. It can be done without the dreaded mess, but even a mess is a small price to pay for a well-directed social life for contented young folk.

And when the children have gone out, we sit down to dream our dreams by the same kindly glow, until friends drop in to share its coziness and a hospitable cup of tea.

"When the logs are burning free,  
Then the fire is full of glee.  
When each heart gives out its best,  
Then the talk is full of zest.  
Light your fire and never fear.  
Life was made for love and cheer."

—(Henry Van Dyke).

### PRIORITIES—Cont'd. from Page 1

the Government would see the disorganization of so large an industry as ours," he concluded.

The meeting passed a resolution as follows:

Whereas the architects of the State of Michigan are greatly concerned about the impression which has been created in the building industry, and in the minds of the building public generally that construction of new work must be restricted to defense building or to residential construction not to exceed \$6,000 in cost, and whereas this impression is altogether erroneous, nevertheless it has had the effect of discouraging private building enterprises, and

Whereas the building industry is one of the largest in the nation, and such curtailment of work will impose a serious hardship upon that industry, and will deprive several million men of needed employment, and also will deprive the Government of the considerable tax revenues which this industry supplies, and,

Whereas to date the architectural profession has experienced little difficulty in obtaining required materials for building construction, and whereas the architect, by proper study of every building project, can use materials which are not needed for defense,

Therefore, be it resolved that the Michigan Society of Architects deplores the erroneous impression which has been created, and urges that every possible means be used to encourage normal private building enterprise, and be it further resolved that copies of this resolution be furnished to the public press, the building industry and public officials.

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## Backfired at Random

One hundred and seventy-five thousand people visited the air raid shelter exhibit which was presented at the California State Fair, Sacramento, by the California State Council of Defense and the State Association of California Architects, Northern Section, during the week ending September 7.

The exhibit, believed to be the first of its kind in the United States, represented the type of shelter which British factory owners are required to provide for their employees—large enough to accommodate 50 people during a prolonged raid. Thirty feet long, 12 ft. wide and eight ft. high, the shelter was sunk half underground and covered with two feet of earth and sandbags. Corrugated steel provided the lining and sandbag baffle walls gave protection at entrance and exit.

Probably as a left-handed tribute to this department, the weekly Bulletin of the Michigan Society of Architects has started a column called "Backfired At Random." I am glad to present them with the following original poem, entirely hand-wrote without the aid of machinery or benzoate of soda:

### ARCHITECTURE

Architecture is the science  
Of attracting clience.

—Roger Allen.



Allen

W. E. Kapp of the firm of Smith, Hinchman & Grylls, Detroit architects, in charge of their defense projects, is scheduled to speak before the Colorado Society of Engineers in Denver on Tuesday evening, September 2. His subject will be "Organization and Construction of the Denver Ordinance Plant." Bill has just left on a 4,900 mile inspection trip with General Somerville.

Producers' Council Club of Michigan will hold its first informational meeting of the fall and winter season at the Detroit Leland Hotel, Tuesday evening, September 30.

The 14th annual convention of the State Association of California Architects will be held at Hollywood, October 9, 10 and 11. The program is under the direction of Chairman M. W. Baird of the general convention committee. Headquarters will be at the Hollywood Roosevelt Hotel where the sessions and principal events will be held.

Time rolls rapidly onward and another State Convention is just ahead; this year it will be in Lexington, Phoenix Hotel, October 24th and 25th, states the Bulletin, Association of Kentucky Architects.

Sight-seeing in the beautiful bluegrass country, football game on Saturday between the University of Kentucky and West Virginia, moving pictures of new materials and processes and a grand dinner and ball are among the special features. John L. McDermott, 1310 Washington Bldg., Louisville, is secretary of the Association.

Baker Hotel in Dallas will be the scene of Texas Society of Architects' Second Annual Convention on October 2, 3 and 4. "Dallas is a good city in which either to live or to visit—as most of you well know. There is, furthermore, a pleasant feeling of well-being in being among your professional confreres—in the renewing of old friendships—in the meeting of new personalities—and in the pure pride of being an Architect. These feelings can only come about in such surroundings and such atmosphere as the Dallas Convention will afford."

SEPTEMBER 30, 1941

## HOW TO BUILD A HOUSE

Says Roger Allen in G. R. Press

Nobody ever built a house without a flaw in it. But as I always say, if a house didn't have a flaw in it what would you walk on? That's what I always say, to persons smaller than I am. But one mistake you must be careful to avoid. Put lots of windows in your house; good big windows. After you get the house done with these good big windows in it, and light streaming in same, what happens? Your wife will come along and put up drapes, and curtains, and shades and venetian blinds on these windows until the room is darker than three feet up a chimney. This is one thing I do not understand about women. Remind me to tell you the other 1,763,896 things I don't understand about women some other time, when Daddy is not so busy. Run away now.

Another thing I cannot quite grasp is this: Why is a breakfast alcove always six inches narrower than it should be to accommodate the furniture? It does not make any difference how wide you make the alcove, it will end up that way even if your wife has to buy a breakfast table 11 feet wide to make it come out 6 inches too narrow. Built-in seats in a breakfast alcove are No Good on account of the one person who is located where he or she cannot get out is always the one to be called to the telephone as soon as everyone is settled. Why is this?

I notice that most of the trouble people have with their houses comes from putting furniture in same. All this could be avoided by building a large barn out in back of the house and putting the furniture in the barn, leaving the house unobstructed. Remind me to patent this idea.

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Dr. John F. Cyman, 3613 Milo Ave., prep. sketches, res. & clinic, Eureka and 7-Mile Road.  
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Prep. plans 20x75 add. beer garden and flat. Phil Pawlak, 19706 Sherwood, owner.

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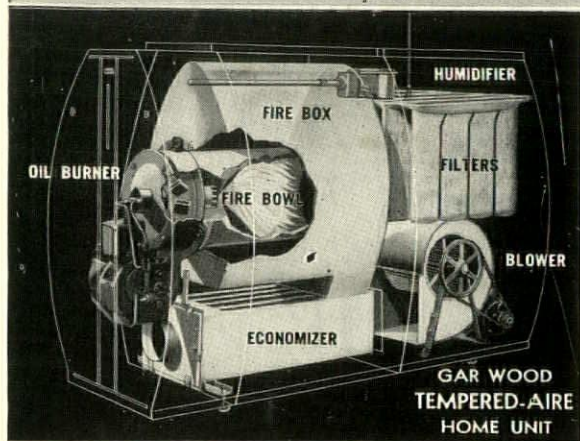
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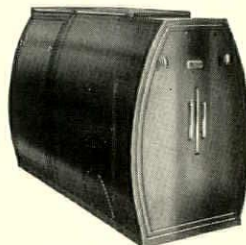
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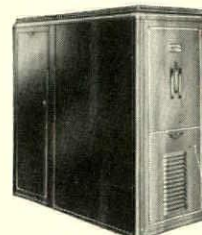


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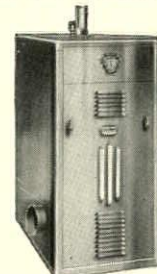
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